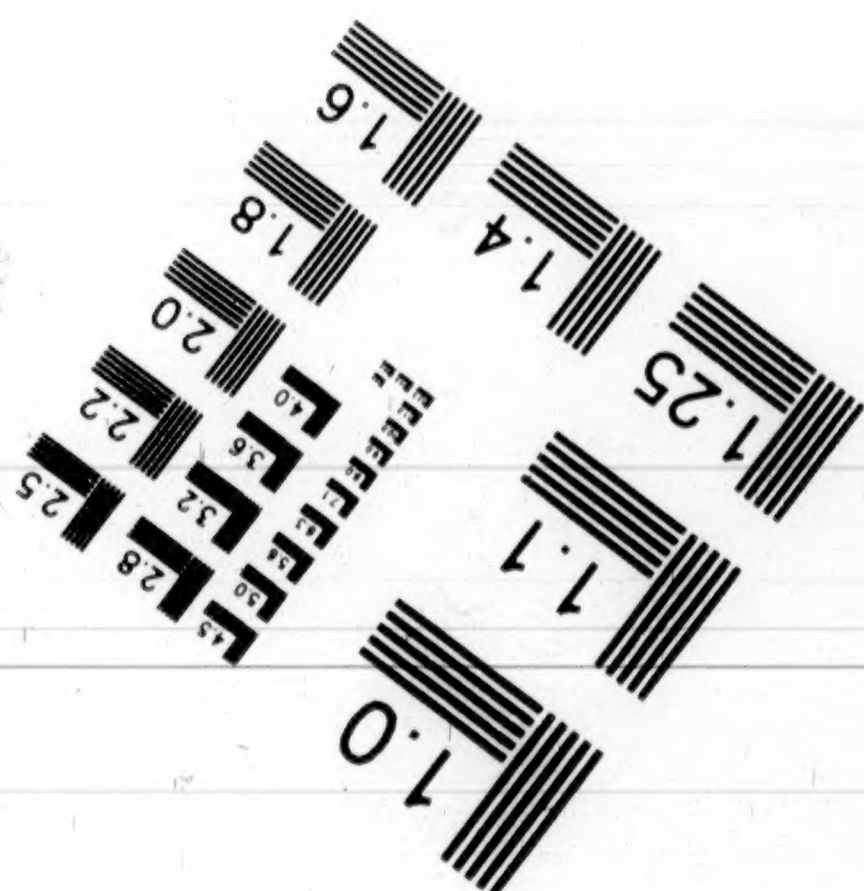
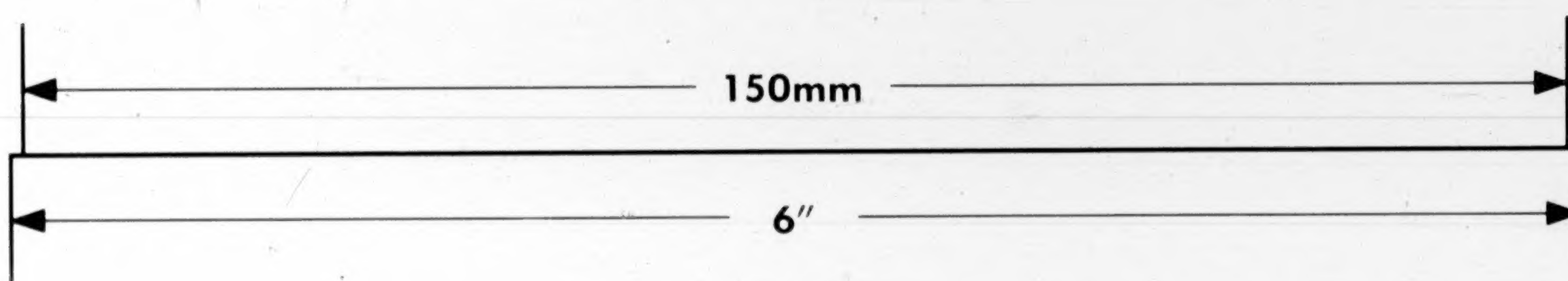
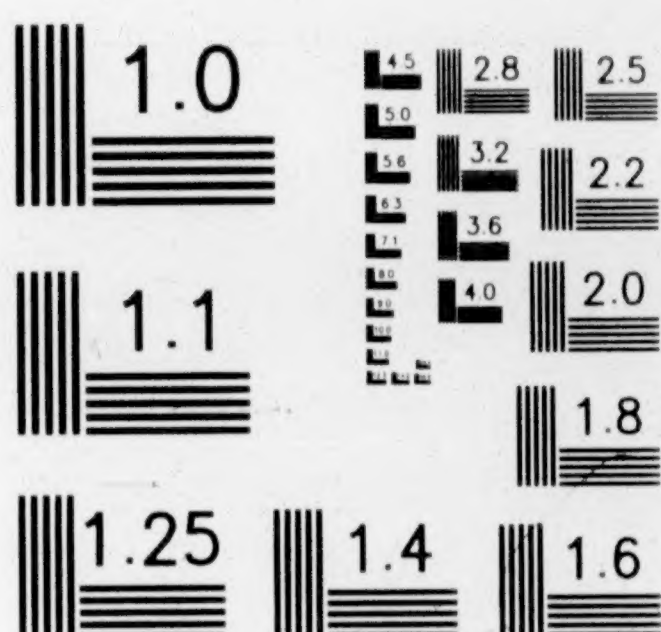
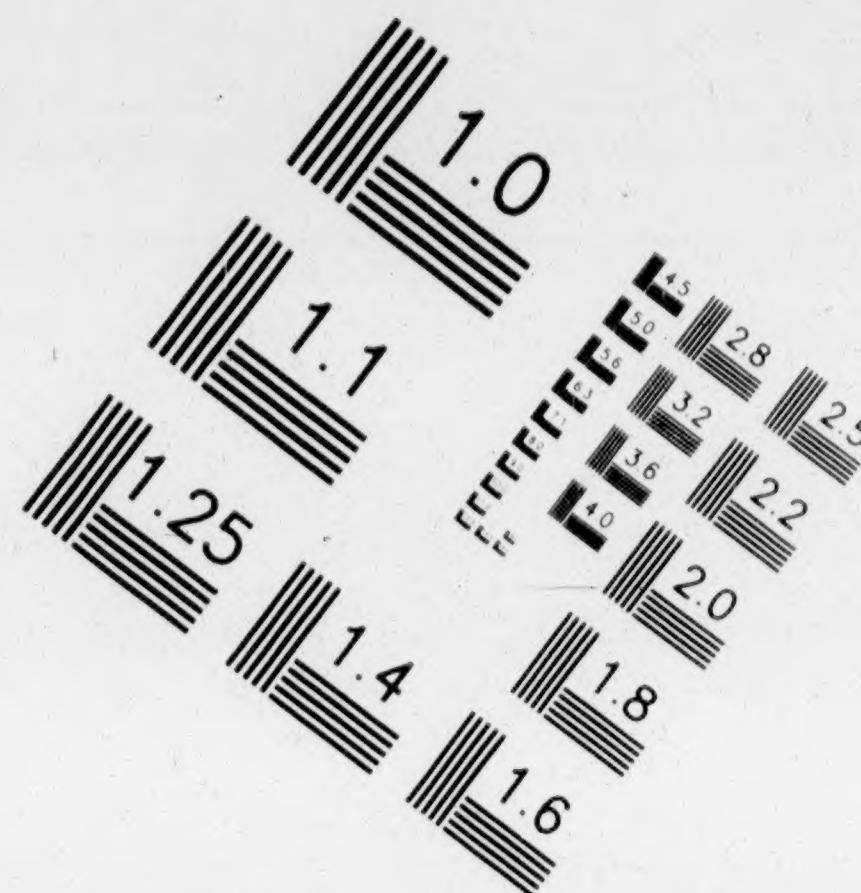
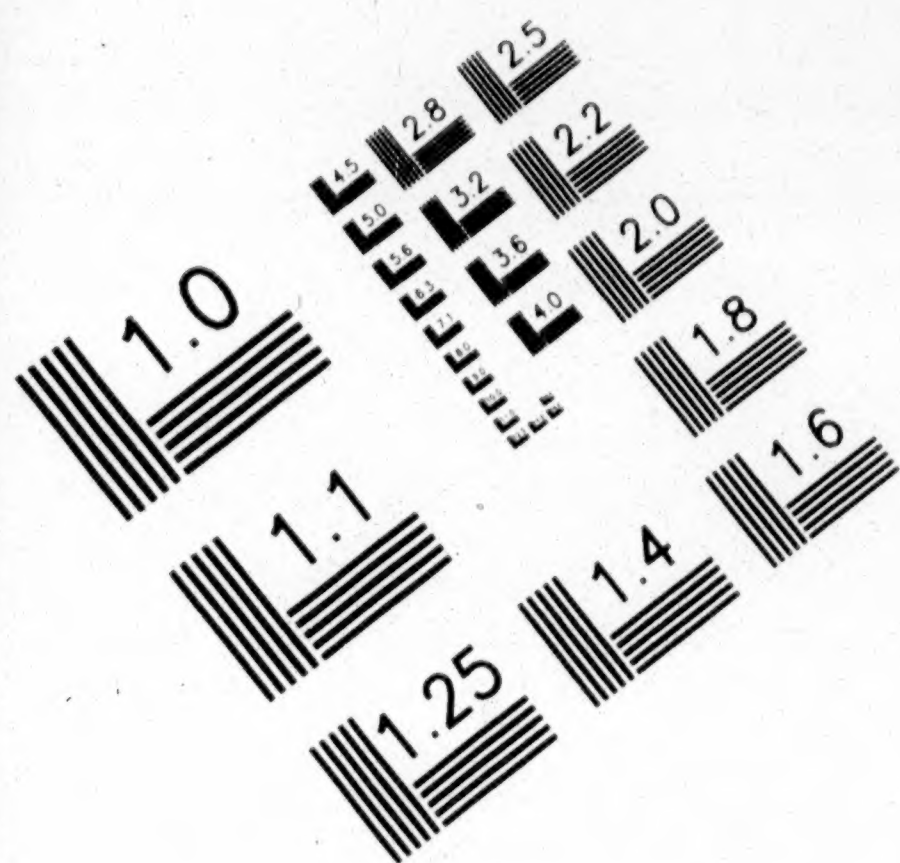




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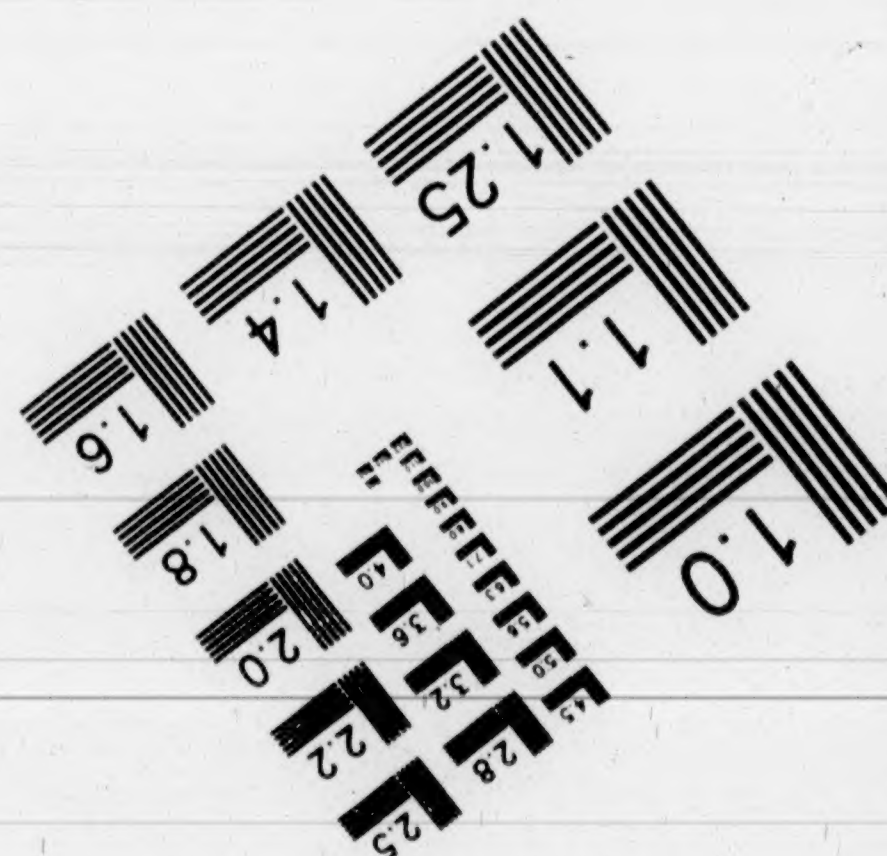
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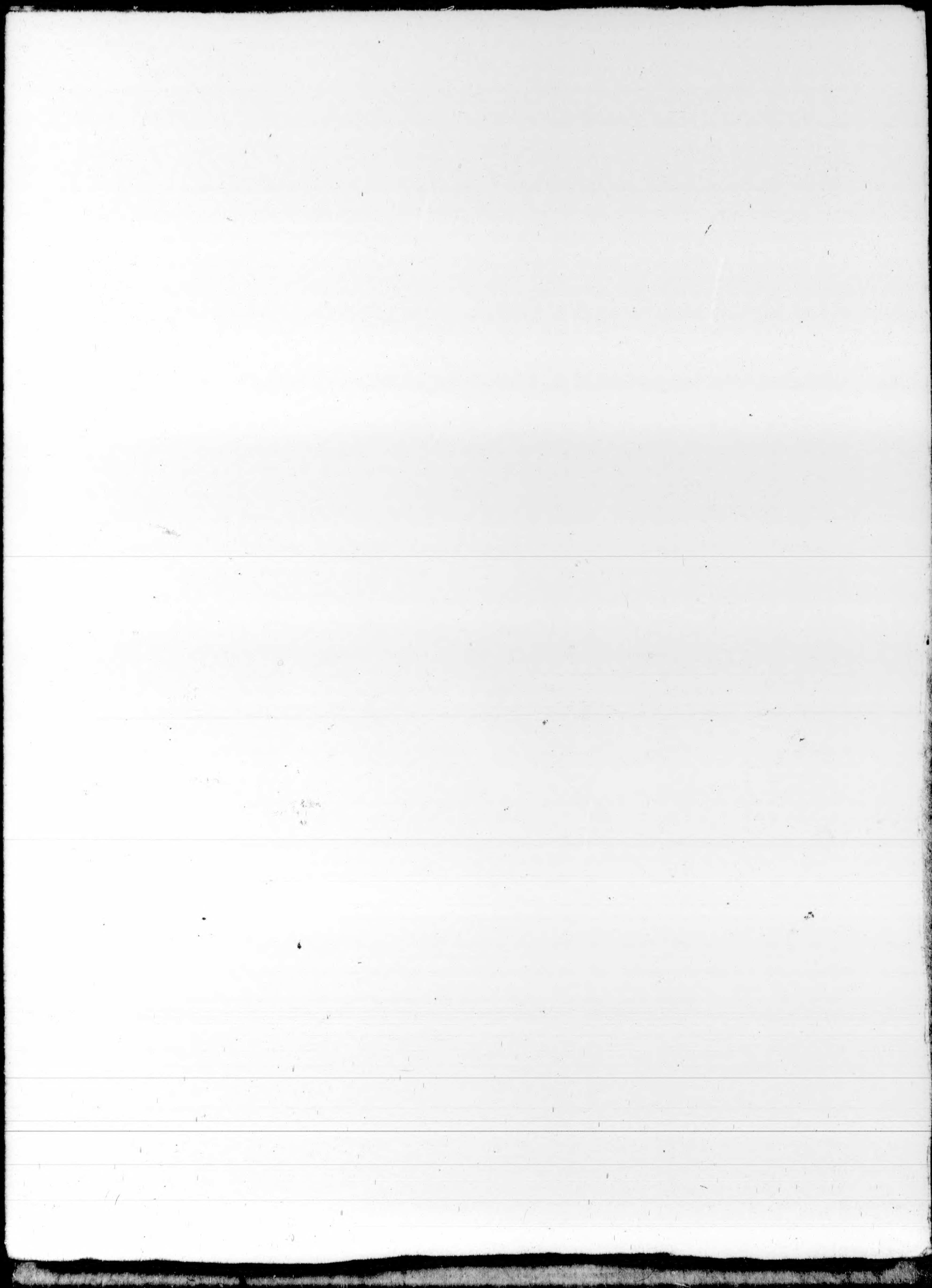
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INTRODUCTION

On the 34 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1900, are reproduced the previously unfiled records of the Alabama office of the Assistant Commissioner, his staff offices, and subordinate field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, monthly reports, applications of freedmen for rations, and other records relating to freedmen's claims and homesteads. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

This film series completes the reproduction of all Bureau records created in Alabama between 1865 and 1872. Many of these records were reproduced in 1972 in National Archives Microfilm Publications M809, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870*, and M810, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870*.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. In Alabama, operations began in July 1865 when Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne took command as Assistant Commissioner. Bvt. Brig. Julius Hayden succeeded Swayne and served

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from January to March 1868. Col. Oliver L. Shepherd served from March to August 1868, and Col. T. H. Ruger held the position of Assistant Commissioner for only a few days in August before the arrival of Bvt. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher later in that month. In January 1869, in accordance with an act of July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), Bureau operations in Alabama were terminated except for the educational functions and the collection of claims. Colonel Beecher remained in Alabama as superintendent of education and held that position until the office was closed in July 1870. The majority of Bureau officers and agents in Alabama were active duty military officers, and for the first 2 years of the Bureau's existence in Alabama the agency doubled as the military command for the district. Brig. Gen. Swayne, for example, served as Assistant Commissioner and District Military Commander for Alabama from 1866 to 1868. As a consequence of the wide use of military officers to staff the Bureau, the agency constantly struggled with issues of continuity as well as a lack of personnel to staff the various field offices. At one point at the end of 1866, the Bureau could only staff eight stations in Alabama due to a critical shortage of qualified personnel.

While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Alabama included headquarters at Demopolis, Eufaula, Garland, Greenville, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Opelika, Selma, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, and Tuskegee. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Alabama subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent

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agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN ALABAMA

The Freedmen's Bureau major activities in Alabama generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

Shortly after accepting the position of Assistant Commissioner in Alabama, Brig. Gen. Swayne requested permission from the Freedmen's Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC, to set aside 1,225 acres of land on the Broward Plantation near Montgomery for freedmen. The plantation had been abandoned shortly before the

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end of the war and was confiscated by Federal authorities. Montgomery Home Colony, established on some of this land, became the largest of several "home colonies" set aside to provide services for the freedmen. Home colonies were also established at Talladega, Mobile, Garland, Butler County, Montgomery, Selma, Demopolis, and Huntsville. The colonies were not self-sufficient communities of freedmen like those found in South Carolina or Louisiana. Instead, the colonies were distribution centers where the Bureau disseminated rations, clothes, seeds, and tools; processed claims; provided medical care; and organized services for the infirm, orphans, and the elderly. The central functions of these colonies were organized around a freedmen's hospital. The freedmen's hospital at Montgomery offered services to all races. From November 1866 to August 1867, it treated 168 refugees (whites), 5 of whom died. During the same period the hospital treated 6,058 freedmen, of whom 162 died.

From 1865 to 1867, Alabama suffered repeated and massive crop failures due to drought or frost conditions. During the same period, the state was swept by a series of epidemics, with smallpox proving the most deadly disease affecting the freedmen. In addition to medical care, one of the most important duties for the Bureau in Alabama was the issuance of rations to refugees and freedmen to stave off malnutrition and starvation.

The Alabama Bureau also expended great resources and energy mitigating contract disputes between freedmen and white landowners as well as attempting to overturn draconian "black codes" enacted by the Alabama State Legislature and signed by the Governor. In his 1866 annual report to the Washington, DC, headquarters of the Bureau, Swayne complained that white landowners rampantly defrauded freedmen of benefits spelled out in their labor contracts.¹ However, Swayne complained most extensively in this report about a particular set of "black codes" passed by the Legislature late in 1865 as vagrancy laws. These codes were passed shortly before Christmas after widespread complaints by white landowners that freedmen refused to work during the Christmas week. Apparently, freedmen expected to continue the tradition of time off from work at Christmas dating back to the antebellum years. Brig. Gen. Swayne charged that these laws returned freedmen to a state of slavery. First, he pointed to the authorized use of chain gangs in which freedmen worked with no compensation for even the most minor offenses. Second, the newly established probate courts often worked against freedmen. They were responsible for settling contract disputes between freedmen and white landowners. However, one component of the law passed by the Legislature stipulated that freedmen were not allowed to testify against whites or serve on juries. In cases where the courts found in favor of the white landowners, the presiding judge had the option of forcing freedmen into uncompensated labor for the white landowners or impressing freed-

¹ Annual Report of the Assistant Commissioner, Montgomery, AL, October 31, 1866, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870* (National Archives Microfilm Publication M809, roll 2), Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, National Archives Building, Washington, DC.

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men's children as free laborers for the litigant. The black codes also authorized county officials to impress orphaned children as laborers on local plantations. Swayne was able to convince the Alabama Legislature to eventually overturn most of these codes. In districts where he could not force the probate courts to fairly enforce the law, he set up special freedmen's courts to hear complaints.

However, Swayne was unable to convince the Legislature to overturn provisions of the vagrancy laws that allowed widespread arrests of freedmen. The code authorized local and state law enforcement officials to summarily arrest those freedmen without contract papers who were allegedly causing "disturbances" in public places and roads. The normal punishment under this penal code was forced labor on nearby plantations. Finally, in March 1867, the Bureau saw this law overturned through the Military Reconstruction Bill for the District of Alabama (14 Stat. 429).

The Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama had a major impact in providing education for freedmen from 1866 to 1869. Due to its limited budget and resources, the Bureau was unable to directly establish and operate the great number of freedmen schools needed. However, the successive Assistant Commissioners proved very adept at finding other means for establishing these schools. They successfully implemented a three-way partnership program in which a wide variety of Northern relief societies flooded the state with resources to build schools, money for books and teachers, or volunteer members who instructed the freedmen for no fee. The freedmen were often responsible for actual maintenance of facilities as well as contributions of money and resources for upkeep of the local schools. Bureau agents oversaw the education program and provided land and protection for the schools. The results of this program were impressive. At the beginning of the school year in October 1866, there were 3,100 freedmen in classes taught by 68 teachers. By June 1867, these figures had grown to just under 10,000 students instructed by 150 teachers.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are a number of blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, fair copies of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, reports, registers of contracts, registers of complaints, registers of patients, registers of disbursements, account books, miscellaneous records, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commis-

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sioner. The unbound documents consist of letters sent and received and endorsements sent, reports, applications for relief, labor contracts, rosters of officers and employees, court records, special and general orders and circulars received, and miscellaneous records. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; oaths of office; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

From June 1866 to January 1868, Assistant Commissioner Swayne also served as the military commander of Alabama. He therefore created and received records in both capacities. The dual function of the Assistant Commissioner resulted in a succession of changes in the official headings used on correspondence and issuances. The title "Office of the Assistant Commissioner" was changed in June 1866 to "headquarters, District of Alabama," and in August 1866 to "Headquarters, Subdistrict of Alabama." The heading "District of Alabama" was used again from March 1867 until superseded by "State of Alabama" in February 1868.

The dual function of the office is also reflected in the recordkeeping practices for that period. Although the Assistant Commissioner generally maintained separate records for each of his capacities, in the case of letters and endorsements sent the records were frequently combined. Wherever they were separable, the records created by the Assistant Commissioner in his military capacity were placed with the Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920, RG 393.

List of Book Records of Officers

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Alabama (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, and then alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

Office of the Assistant Commissioner

The single-volume name index (no date) is an additional index to Volumes 1 (4) and 2 (5) of letters sent (July 27, 1865-June 27, 1866) and Volumes 1 (16) and 2 (17) of special orders issued by the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama. The letters sent and special orders issued have been previously reproduced on National Archives Microfilm Publication M809, *Records of the Assistant Commissioners for the State of Alabama Bureau of Refugees, Freeman, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870*, rolls 1 and 17, respectively.

The single-volume miscellaneous name index consists of three unidentified indexes that have no dates and are unnumbered.

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Offices of Staff Officers

COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE

The single volume of letters and endorsements sent and a register of subsistence stores received and issued, 1865-1868 (113)², is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters and endorsements sent, September 1865 to May-1867, are interfiled in the volume, and there is a name index. The register of subsistence stores received cover the period December 1866-May 1868.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (37), dated February 1867-May 1868 and February-July 1867, is arranged and numbered in chronological order through August 1867 and thereafter chronologically without numbers. The volume contains an incomplete index.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (50), dated February-July 1867, is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Most of the letters that appear in the volume are entered in volume (37). The volume also contains an account of stores purchased by the subdistricts for the period April-May 1867. The accounts are arranged by subdistrict and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound letters received, March-December 1867, consist of registered and unregistered letters and letters and reports received by M. H. Cruikshank, state commissioner for coordinating issuance of supplies to the destitute. The registered letters received, March-December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in volume (37). The unregistered letters, March-October 1867, are arranged chronologically. The Cruikshank letters and reports are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound weekly, trimonthly, and monthly reports and returns of rations issued, 1865-66, are arranged by year, thereunder alphabetically by county, and thereunder chronologically. This series provides, in some cases, a list of people who received rations; and in others, the number of rations issued and the number of people who received rations.

Unbound reports of subsistence stores issued and received, July 1867-August 1868, are arranged chronologically by year and thereunder alphabetically by subdistrict. These are reports from subassistant commissioners and agents from local areas.

Unbound list of heads of families who received relief (Certificates of Applicants), covering the years 1867-68 are arranged chronologically. These are printed forms that include the name of the head of the family; the number of men, women, and children in the family; and the amount of corn and bacon received.

² In this microfilm publication, the volume numbers in parentheses are those assigned by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. The volume numbers not in parentheses were assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration.

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Unbound applications for relief, January 1866, May–July 1867, and May 1868, are arranged chronologically. This series consists of sworn statements of applicants indicating why they can't work and information concerning their dependents.

The single volume of accounts of stores issued to agents, November 1866–February 1868 (46), are arranged according to recipient and thereunder chronologically. The entries indicate who received the stores (corn and bacon), whether they were donated, and the amount received and transferred.

INSPECTOR GENERAL AND DISBURSING OFFICER

The single volume of letters received and endorsements sent, March–May 1868 (28), is arranged chronologically. The volume has a name index. The letters concern primarily court cases involving financial settlement, claims, and requests for aid.

QUARTERMASTER AND DISBURSING OFFICER

The single volume of letters received and sent, April–July 1866 (38), consists of two parts. The first part of the volume contains copies of letters received dated April 4 to July 23, 1866. The second part of the volume contains copies of letters sent dated May 10 to July 28, 1866.

The three volumes of press copies of letters sent, 1 (39), 2 (40), and 3 (41), September 1866–July 1870, are arranged chronologically. Each volume has a name index. Edwin Beecher, who was serving as Assistant Commissioner and superintendent of education, signed the letters from February 1869 to July 1870. All of the letters concern the accounting or disbursement of funds.

The single volume of endorsements sent, January–April 1867 (42), are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The volume contains a name index.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, January 1867–January 1869 (36), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters received, January 1868–June 1869, are arranged by year, thereunder by initial letter of surname of correspondent, and thereunder chronologically. The letters from Bureau headquarters are filed after the alphabetical divisions. Although the letters appear to be entered in the volume of letters received and endorsements sent (36), neither the letters nor the entries in the volume are numbered.

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, September 1865–July 1869, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from Bureau officers and include retained copies of reports of persons and articles hired by the quartermaster.

The single volume of miscellaneous memorandums (45), January 1866–April 1867, is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The memorandums in the volume concern invoices, accounts, monies, postage, and persons employed and discharged.

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The single-volume account book of stores purchased (48), September 1866–July 1870, is arranged chronologically according to date of purchase. Accounts show articles purchased, the amount spent, and for whom purchased.

The single-volume account book of stores issued in the counties, January 1867–May 1868 (47), is arranged alphabetically by county and thereunder chronologically. The volume contains a partial index, and the accounts show the number of white and black persons issued stores, and the amount of corn, flour, pork, and bacon issued.

The single-volume account book of stores transferred (49), October 1867, is arranged by type of account and thereunder chronologically. The first part of the volume contains an account of stores transferred by the chief quartermaster (May 1 to October 21, 1867); the second part contains accounts transferred to the chief quartermaster (April 23 to October 17, 1867). The volume includes such information as dates, cost, the articles transferred and received, the condition of the articles, and from whom the articles were received or transferred.

SURGEON

The three volumes of letters sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (31), 2 (32), and 3 (33), are arranged in chronological order. The indexes include a name and subject index for the first volume and name indexes for the remaining two. They also indicate the content of letters. The volumes also contain the annual reports of the Medical Department, 1866–68, and include reports to the Assistant Commissioner, January and February 1867.

The two volumes of endorsements sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (34) and 2 (35), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for the first volume.

The two volumes of registers of letters received, October 1865–December 1868, 1 (29) and 2 (30), are arranged by time period. The first volume has an index. The entries in the volumes are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

The unbound letters received, December 1865–August 1868, consist of three items that are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of invoices of medical supplies received (195), November–December 1865, is arranged according to type of supply.

Subordinate Field Offices

ASHVILLE

The unbound labor contracts, August 1865, are arranged chronologically. The contracts were approved and witnessed by the commander of U.S. Forces at Jacksonville, Alabama, not by a Bureau agent stationed at Ashville.

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BLUFFTON (Opelika Subdistrict)

The records for the subordinate field office at Bluffton include three series: a single volume of letters sent, April–July 1868 (156); a volume of fair copies of letters received and endorsements sent, April–July 1868 (155); and letters received, May 1868. The letters received consist of a single letter reporting the killing of a black youth by a white youth. Both the volume of letters sent and fair copies of letters received and endorsements sent are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

CAHABA

The single volume of contracts, register of contracts, and registers of transportation and rations issued, 1865–1866 (191), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume has a name index and a table of contents.

CLAIBORN

The unbound letters received by Lt. A. S. Bennett, the subassistant commissioner at Claiborn, May–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

DEMOPOLIS

The three volumes of letters sent by the subassistant commissioners at Demopolis, January 1866–December 1868, 1 (138), 2 (139), and 3 (140), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (137), April 1867–November 1868, is arranged chronologically. It is primarily a register of letters endorsed or forwarded. The letters received are all unregistered letters. For fair copies of letters received at the post of Demopolis from December 1865 to January 1866, see the single-volume register of complaints (141) mentioned below.

Unbound letters received, August 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically and consist of unregistered letters.

The single-volume register of complaints, February 1866–August 1868 (141), is arranged chronologically and, as mentioned above, includes fair copies of letters received at Demopolis for the period December 1865–January 1866. For letters received from April 1867 to November 1868, see the single-volume register of letters received (137).

Unbound miscellaneous records, January 1866–November 1868, are arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically. The series includes an opinion of Clarke and Lyon in *Freedmen v. Ridgway*, leases for a plantation to be used as an asylum, a list of contributors to a black school, and a plan of Bureau buildings. Also included is a list of government buildings at Gainesville, and letters sent, orders issued, reports, and bills of lading.

The single volume of miscellaneous school records of C. L. Drake (a teacher), May 1866–October 1868 (194), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume contains a roll of students (May 1866–January 1868) that

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includes their names, ages, tuition paid, and days attended. There is also a school property account for the period September 1866–October 1868 that shows the service or item paid for and the amount. In addition, there are records of post and citizen bakeries and accounts (January to August 1864) kept by Capt. C. L. Drake (20th Regiment, Iowa Infantry) while serving at a post in Brownsville, Texas. Drake later served as subassistant commissioner of Demopolis in June 1868.

The single-volume register of patients at the freedmen's hospital at Demopolis (142), June–November 1867, is arranged chronologically according to the date of admission.

ELYTON

The records for the subordinate field office at Elyton include a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868 (153), a single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, May–July 1868 (152), and unbound letters received, May–July 1868. The volume of letters sent is arranged chronologically and includes a name index and monthly reports for June and July. The register of letters received and endorsements sent are arranged and numbered in chronological order and also has a name index. The letters received are arranged chronologically and are entered in the register of letters received.

EUFAULA

The single letter received by H. R. Burton, January 1868, the Bureau agent at Eufaula, concerns payment of a debt claim.

EUTAW

The records for the Bureau agent at Eutaw include an unbound series of letters received, April–June 1868, and unbound labor contracts that consist of two items dated 1866. Both series are arranged chronologically.

GARLAND

The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, May–October 1868 (145), is arranged and numbered in chronological order and has a name index.

The single volume of letters received and sent and register of prescriptions, 1867–1868 (146), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent (143) and (144) are arranged by time period, thereunder alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer, and thereunder chronologically. The first volume (143) has a partial name index.

Unbound letters received, March–August 1867, is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume account book, October 1867–October 1868 (147), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically and consists of three sections. There is a list of commissary supplies received (October 1867–October 1868), accounts of the hospital with the Subsistence Department (October 1867–September 1868), and

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monthly reports of hospital stores remaining, returned, or issued (October 1867–October 1868).

The two series relating to inmates treated at the freedmen's hospital at Garland include two volumes of registers of patients, May 1867–October 1868, 1 (148) and 2 (149), and two volumes of registers of prescriptions, May 1867–October 1868, 1 (150) and 2 (151). The two volumes of registers of patients are arranged by date of admission and several of the entries in the volumes are duplicated. The two volumes of registers of prescriptions are arranged chronologically.

Unbound monthly reports of destitute discharged soldiers, June–November 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound list of expenses incurred for the treatment of freedmen, May 3, 1866, consists of two items.

GIRARD

Unbound letters received by J. B. Healy and a labor contract, 1867–1868, consists of three items. The letters are dated March 1, 1867, and April 1, 1868; the labor contract is dated February 2, 1867.

GREENVILLE

The four volumes of letters sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (123), 2 (124), 3 (125), and 4 (126), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes. The first volume contains a register of freedmen; the second volume contains endorsements sent (October 1866 to January 1867).

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, April 1867–November 1868, 1 (121) and 2 (122), are arranged by time period, thereunder alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer, and thereunder chronologically. Both volumes have name indexes.

Unbound letters received, January 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically, and most of the letters from April 1867 to November 1868 appear to be entered in the two-volume series of letters received and endorsements sent, 1 (121) and 2 (122), for that period.

The two volumes of registers of contracts, May–December 1865, 1 (128) and 2 (129), are arranged chronologically. The contracts for the period January–March 1866 appear in the miscellaneous record book series (127) mentioned below.

The single-volume register of complaints, February 1867–December 1868, 1 (130), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume miscellaneous record book, September 1865–August 1867 (127), is arranged by type of record. In addition to containing a register of complaints for September 1865 and copies of contracts for January through March 1866, the

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volume includes an account of subsistence stores issued by both the Bureau and the New York Relief Association for the period from May through August 1867.

Unbound miscellaneous records, June 1866–February 1869, are arranged by type of record and include receipts, returns of commissary property, invoices, reports on current accounts, estimates of funds, affidavits, and incomplete claims applications.

HAYNESVILLE

The single volume of letters sent by W. H. Hunter, August–November 1868 (192), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

HUNTSVILLE (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The four volumes of letters sent, July 1865–November 1868, 1 (62), 2 (63), 3 (64), and 4 (65), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

The two volumes of endorsements sent, September 1865–November 1868, 1 (70) and 2 (71), are arranged chronologically, and only the second volume, 2 (71), has a name index. In this series, cross-references to letters received and sent are designated by a citation of the appropriated file number of the letter.

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1865–March 1866 (57), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Many of the letters in the series after November 1865 seem to be copied in full, and issuances received by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville have also been copied in the volume.

The four volumes of letters received, March 1866–December 1868 1 (58), 2 (59), 3 (60), and 4 (61), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–January 1869, are arranged chronologically, and they do not appear to be duplicates of those in the four-volume series of letters received mentioned above.

The single volume of special orders issued, April 1866–April 1868 (72), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of rations shipped to agents and issued in the counties, January–October 1866 (80), is arranged by type of record. The volume includes a register of subsistence stores shipped to agents (January–April 1866), a register of rations issued in bulk to freedmen (January–March 1866), and a register of rations issued in the counties (February–October 1866). The subsistence stores shipped are arranged chronologically, rations issued in bulk are arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically, and the rations issued in the counties are arranged alphabetically by county. The volume also contains copies and extracts of special orders issued at the contraband camp at Huntsville for the period December 1864–July 1865.

The three volumes of fair copies of contracts, September 1865–January 1868 1 (81), 2 (82), and 3 (83), are arranged chronologically and numbered, and there is a name

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index for the period January 1867–January 1868. The volumes include a copy of each contract and the date on which the contract was made. The contracts involve the rental of property, payments for goods, and obligations of employers to freedmen employees. Some of the entries for 1865 seem to be summaries rather than fair copies. Canceled contracts are generally marked in red ink.

The single-volume docket of trials, January–March 1866 (84), is arranged chronologically by case and includes such information as the title of the case, names of witnesses, the cause of action, the proceedings of the case (including testimony), and the decision of the judge.

Unbound rosters of officers and employees, January–March 1866, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–67, are arranged by subject in accordance with an index list. The records in the series relate to discharges received, affidavits, contracts, accounts, and bills.

HUNTSVILLE AND ATHENS (CLAIMS AGENT)

The two correspondence series for the claims agent at Huntsville and Athens include four volumes of letters sent and unbound letters received. Both series cover the period April 1868–January 1872. The four volumes of letters sent, 1 (66), 2 (67), 3 (68), and 4 (69) are arranged chronologically. Unbound letters received are arranged generally by office of sender. From April 1868 to February 1869 the claims agent was at Athens, and from February 1869 to January 1872 at Huntsville.

Unbound receipts for claims, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder chronologically by date of claim. The claims also contain information relating to payments.

The single-volume census of black citizens and register of bounty claims received and forwarded, 1865 and June–July 1868 (79½), is arranged by type of record. The first part of the volume is a census of blacks in Athens in 1865. The census includes the person's name, age, sex, and residence; the name of former owner, if applicable; and the person's occupation and current employment. The register of bounty claims received by the agent at Athens is dated June–July 1868. Each entry gives the name of the claimant, the nature of the claim, and the action taken.

The two volumes of registers of claims allowed, April 1868–January 1872, 1 (78) and 2 (79), are arranged chronologically. There is some duplication in the volumes, and they document the claim agent's activities while at Athens and Huntsville.

The two volumes of registers of claims forwarded by the claims agent, May 1866–January 1872, 1 (74) and 2 (75), are numbered and arranged in chronological order. The entries give the date the claim was forwarded, the name of the claimant, and the nature of the claims and the disposition of the claim. These registers were apparently begun by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville and continued by

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the claims agent at Huntsville. Some of the names in volume 2 (79) of the claims allowed are also in volume 2 (75) of the claims forwarded.

The two volumes of registers of disbursements, January 1868–January 1872, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged and numbered in chronological order. There are cross-references to claims listed in the two volumes of registers of claims forwarded, 1 (74) and 2 (75).

The single-volume register of claimants, June 1868–December 1871 (73), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of voucher. The entries give the date the voucher was received; the claimant's name, company, and regiment; the amount due the claimant; the date the voucher was returned; the date the money was received; and the date the payment was made. The register was apparently begun by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville and continued by the claims agent.

Unbound miscellaneous records on claims and copies of school reports, 1865–71, are arranged by type of record. The claims agent also acted as district superintendent of schools.

HUNTSVILLE (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, February–March 1866 (87), is arranged chronologically and does not have an index.

The single-volume press copies of letters sent by the surgeon, September 1866–August 1868 (88), is arranged chronologically and consists primarily of letters to the surgeon in chief transmitting reports.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent February 1867–June 1868 (85), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of special and general orders and circular letters received by the Freedmen's Hospital at Huntsville, May 1865–August 1866 (86), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Some of the letters received have also been entered in this volume.

The single volume register of sick and wounded, January 1866–July 1868 (89), is arranged chronologically by date of admission and includes each patient's name, sex, nature of illness, date of admission, and date of discharge or death.

Unbound monthly reports of destitute discharged soldiers and families treated, July 1867–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

JACKSONVILLE

The three-record series for the subassistant and agent at Jacksonville included a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868; unbound letters received, May–June 1868; and unbound contracts, June–December 1865. All of the series are arranged chronologically. The single volume of letters sent (131) has a name index. The unbound contracts were negotiated at the Post of Jacksonville.

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LIVINGSTON

The single volume of letters sent and fair copies of letters and orders received by agent John L. Stelzig at Livingston, August–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The volume includes monthly reports of operations to the subassistant commissioner for the period from August to November 1868.

The three remaining records for Livingston included a single-volume register of complaints, August–November 1868, unbound court records, 1866–1867, and list of contracts (no dates). The single-volume register of complaints (158) is arranged chronologically; the unbound court records are arranged by case. The undated list of contracts gives the name of the employer and number of contracts.

MOBILE (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The single volume of letters sent, April 1865–April 1868 (108), is arranged chronologically and has a name index for the months after January 1866.

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–December 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of press copies of letters of transmittal sent, February 1866–September 1868 (110), is arranged chronologically. Most of the letters in the series relate to reports, invoices, receipts, and bills of lading forwarded. There are also some reports that were copied into the volume.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1865–December 1868, 1 (106) and 2 (107), are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically by year and thereunder generally according to whether registered or not. The registered letters are generally, but not always, marked with file numbers. These letters are registered in the two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent mentioned above.

The single volume of registers of contracts and complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (114), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first part of the volume contains a register of contracts for the period from January 1866 to January 1868. Until December 1867, there are only brief entries describing the type of labor, period, pay per month, and sex of employee. Thereafter, there are a few entries that give a more detailed copy of the contracts. The register of complaints is for the period from July to August 1868 and contains the name and residence of the complainant, the nature of the complaint, and the action taken.

Unbound transcripts of mayor's docket, August–September 1865, are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries consist of brief abstracts of cases tried before the mayor of Mobile. They give the date of the case, the persons involved, the nature of the case, officers and witnesses involved, and the judgment rendered.

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Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865-68, are arranged by type of record. The series includes affidavits, February 1866-December 1867, some of which relate to the riot of May 14, 1867. The records also contain contracts (December 1866-January 1868), authorizations for rations (August 1865), copies of monthly reports of rations issued (January-November 1866), trimonthly reports of destitutes (April-May 1866), and reports of persons and articles hired and returns of quartermaster stores (July 1865-July 1868). In addition, there are such miscellaneous items as a copy of an act dated March 1866 to provide for the erection of schoolhouses in Mobile and proceedings of a board of survey convened to investigate the damage and loss of a shipment of corn.

The single volume "Time Book (112)," Swayne School Construction (1868), is arranged chronologically. A table of wages is pasted on the inside of front cover. An account book of work done provides names of workmen, number of days employed, pay per diem, and amount earned.

MOBILE (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of press copies of letters sent by the surgeon, August 1866-November 1867 (116), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. They are primarily letters transmitting reports. The letters sent from September to November 1865 appear in the single volume miscellaneous record book described below (117). For letters sent from February to July 1866, see the single volume of letters sent and register of letters received (115) listed below.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January-December 1866 (115), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically, and there is a name index for the letters sent. The letters sent are dated February-July 1866; the letters received are dated January-June 1866; and the register of letters received are dated June-December 1866.

The single-volume miscellaneous record book (117) is arranged by type of record. The volume contains general orders, special orders, circulars, and circular letters received for the period from September 1865 to September 1867. There are also copies of letters sent for the period from September to November 1865 and a list of the required weekly, monthly, quarterly, and semiannual reports that were required by the surgeon in chief for Alabama.

The single-volume monthly abstract of provisions issued, October 1866-October 1867 (118), is arranged chronologically by month. The abstract gives a breakdown of patients (men, women, and children) to whom rations were issued, the types and amounts of rations issued, and the total rations issued.

The two volumes of registers of patients, August 1865-November 1867 (119) and June 1865-November 1867 (no number), are arranged chronologically by date of admission and chronologically, respectively. Some entries in the volumes appear to be duplicates.

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The single volume of morning reports of sick and wounded (120) is dated August 1865–November 1867 and is arranged chronologically.

Unbound monthly reports of treatment of destitute discharged soldiers and their families, dated June–October 1867, are arranged chronologically.

MOBILE (CLAIMS AGENT)

The single-volume register of claimants compiled by the claims agent in Mobile, December 1867–March 1872 (111), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of voucher. The entries consist of the date the voucher was received, the claimant's name, company, and regiment. It also contains the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were returned, the date the money was received from the disbursing officer, the date payment was made to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

MONTGOMERY (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The three volumes of letters sent, October 1865–December 1868, 1 (92), 2 (93), and 3 (94), are arranged and numbered in chronological order, and volumes 1 (92) and 3 (94) have name indexes.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, March 1867–December 1868, 1 (90) and 2 (91), are arranged by time period, and each volume has a name index. The entries in the volumes are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer and thereunder chronologically. The letters entered in the register were apparently either returned or forwarded

Unbound letters received, May 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. This series consists of letters that were retained, rather than letters entered in the registers of letters received and either returned or forwarded.

Unbound special and general orders and circular letters received, July 1865–May 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most of the issuances were received from the Assistant Commissioner.

The four volumes of fair copies of contracts dated 1865, 1 (196), 2 (197), 3 (198), and 4 (199), are unarranged and consist of copies of contracts made in counties outside the Montgomery subdistrict. Volume 2 (197) contains a list of rooms and tenants at Stonewall Hospital for October 1866 and a record of applicants for unpaid bounties.

The single-volume register of claimants, March 1867–July 1868 (95), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant and thereunder chronologically by date of receipt of claim. The claims are for bounties and back pay.

Unbound reports sent to the Assistant Commissioner, July 1865–October 1868, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically. Included are narrative reports, including one submitted by an officer subordinate to the subassistant

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commissioner, and form reports of buildings in the possession of the subassistant commissioner.

Unbound miscellaneous records are arranged by type of record. The series includes affidavits (January 1866–September 1867), contracts (January 1866–February 1867), receipts for funds (December 1865–July 1866), receipts for provisions (October 1865–June 1867), authorizations for rations issued (April–July 1866), reports of cases tried (February 1866–May 1868), and miscellaneous papers (July 1865–January 1868).

MONTGOMERY (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, January–November 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically and has name index. For other letters sent, see the single-volume surgeon's record book (101) and the single volume of reports of patients (103), listed below.

The single register of letters received and endorsements sent, January–November 1867 (96), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of writer and thereunder chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of special orders and circular letters received, January–November 1867 (97), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Most of the issuances were received from the office of the Chief Medical Officer at Bureau headquarters or from the chief surgeon for Alabama.

The single-volume surgeon's record book, August 1865–January 1867 (101), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by type of record. Included in this volume are copies of letters sent and issuances received; an invoice of hospital stores received; and accounts of the freedmen's hospital and the Home Colony Hospital with the Subsistence Department for the period May–October 1867.

The two volumes of accounts of subsistence stores purchased and issued, January–September 1867, 1 (99) and 2 (100), are arranged chronologically. The second volume 2 (100) contains accounts for the Home Colony Hospital for the period June–August 1867. Other accounts of subsistence stores are filed with the surgeon's record book (101) described above and the register of patients (102) listed below.

The single volume of reports of patients, September 1865–November 1867 (103), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by type of record. There are daily, weekly, and monthly reports, including some for the Home Colony Hospital. The volume also contains copies of special orders received and letters sent by the acting staff surgeon for the period from January to August 1865. There are also invoices of medicines and hospital supplies received for the same period.

The two volumes of registers of patients, August 1865–November 1867, 1 (104) and 2 (105), are arranged chronologically. The second volume 2 (105) also contains a register of patients at Home Colony Hospital for the period January–November 1867.

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Unbound monthly reports of treatment of destitute discharged soldiers and their families (2 items), June–July 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume miscellaneous registers of food purchased for use at the hospital, 1865–67 (176), is arranged by type of register. The volume was erroneously listed among the book records of Arkansas. It originally was used as a morning report book for an artillery company during the Civil War.

MONTGOMERY (HOME COLONY HOSPITAL)

The single-volume register of patients for the Home Colony Hospital at Montgomery, September 1865–July 1866 (102), is arranged chronologically by date of admission. The volume also contains an account of subsistence stores for January–July 1867. For subsistence accounts for June–August 1867, see volume (100) of the accounts of subsistence stores purchased and issued, and for May–October 1867, see volume (101) of the surgeon's record book. For a register of patients at the Home Colony for January–November 1867, see volume 2 (105) mentioned above.

OPELIKA

The two volumes of letters sent June 1867–December 1868, 1 (133) and 2 (134), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.

The single register of letters received and endorsements sent, February–December 1868 (132), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. This is primarily a register of letters endorsed or forwarded; therefore, the letters registered in the volume do not appear in the unbound letters received listed below.

Unbound letters received, May 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. Only a few if any, of these letters appear in the register of letters received and endorsements sent.

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–January 1868 (330), is arranged chronologically. The register includes copies of endorsements sent or received relating to complaints. This volume was originally "indexed," or listed, as a record of Georgia.

Unbound monthly reports of operations, August–November 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound circular letters issued and orders received cover the period June–October 1868. The circular letters are arranged by circular number and thereunder chronologically. The orders received are arranged by type of order.

SELMA (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The four volumes of letters sent, March 1866–December 1868 [no entries for May 1866], 1 (175), 2 (176), 3 (177), and 4 (178), are arranged chronologically and each volume has a name index. The first volume, 1 (175), also contains records of the proceedings relating to a freedmen's court for the period March–April 1866, which

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states the nature of the cases, testimony, and court decisions. There are a number of cross-references beginning in January 1867 to register file numbers of letters received and endorsements sent.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1867–June 1868 (179), relating to Bureau and quartermaster stores, is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, January 1867–December 1868, 1 (173) and 2 (174), are arranged and numbered by time period in chronological order and have name indexes. These volumes are extensively cross-referenced to letters and endorsements sent. Citations are to file numbers.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically, and most of the letters are for the period January 1867–December 1868 and are entered in the two volumes of registers of letters received, 1 (173) and 2 (174). There is a small number of pre-1867 and several 1868 letters that are unregistered.

Unbound special orders received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–April 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of employed freedmen dated 1865 (181) is arranged in two parts: the first part of the volume is arranged by sex and thereunder by initial letter of surname of freedman; the second part is arranged according to employer. The register gives the names of the freedmen and indicates the terms of employment.

The single-volume register of rations issued to freedmen and destitute whites, July 1866–September 1867 (182), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by race of recipient.

Unbound morning reports of freedmen in camp and hospital, August–December 1865, are arranged chronologically and include freedmen in the hospital and in the freedmen's camp at Home Colony, which was a leased plantation.

Unbound complaints, June–September 1866, are arranged chronologically. These complaints appear to be entered in the single-volume register of complaints (180) described above.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1856–69, are arranged by type of record. The series includes labor contracts (January 1866–Mar. 1869), lists of Bureau stores received and transferred (June–September 1865), reports of registration of white and black voters (June–October 1867), and vouchers authorizing pay for services and supplies (August–December 1866). This series also includes memorandums on labor contract settlements (November 1866–February 1868), reports of cases tried (September

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1866–July 1868), miscellaneous records on disbursements (February–November 1866), and certificates of destitution among freedmen (January–June 1867). In addition to the above-mentioned records, there are a copy of the last will of Lewis Tidwell, dated January 22, 1856; lists of confiscated lands; forms used by the Bureau; and specifications for carpentry work on a schoolhouse.

SELMA (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The two volumes of letters sent by the surgeon, May 1866–June 1868, 1 (185) and 2 (186), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (186) contains the earliest letters sent, dated May–July 1866, by the surgeon at the Talladega hospital. For other records relating to that hospital, see the single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (170), listed below for Freedmen's Hospital at Talladega.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, July 1867–June 1868 (190), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of patients, February 1866–July 1867 (no number), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a list of employees for January 1867. Some of the entries appear to duplicate entries in the single-volume register of patients listed below (187).

The single-volume register of patients, October 1866–June 1868 (187), is arranged chronologically by date of admission. Records of patients admitted dating back to February 1866 appear in the unnumbered single-volume register of patients mentioned above.

The single volume accounts of Subsistence Department, August 1867–June 1868 (188), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Included in the volume is the monthly breakdown of supplies issued and purchased giving quantity, cost per unit, and total cost.

The single-volume register of prescriptions, May 1867–December 1868 (183), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of morning reports of patients and attendants, August 1867–July 1868 (189), is arranged chronologically.

TALLADEGA (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The four volumes of letters sent by the subassistant commissioner at Talladega, May 1866–December 1868, 1 (164), 2 (165), 3 (166), and 4 (167), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes. The first volume, 1 (164), also contains a receipt roll for pay (April 1867–May 1868); ration returns (May–July 1866); and miscellaneous accounts (April 1867–December 1868).

Unbound copies of letters sent, March–July 1866, are arranged chronologically. Several of these letters are duplicated in the corresponding volume of letters sent, 1(164).

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The three volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, May 1867–December 1868, 1 (161), 2 (162), and 3 (163), are arranged by time period and have name indexes. Many of the letters entered in the registers are in the unbound series of letters received described below. The entries in volumes 1 (161) and 2 (162) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer and thereunder chronologically. Those in volume 3 (163) are arranged chronologically. Volume 3 (163), June–December 1868, includes no endorsements.

The single volume of endorsements sent, June–December 1868 (168), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Cross-reference citations are to registers of letters received. The endorsements during the period May 1867–June 1868 are filed in the registers of letters received, volumes 1 (161) and 2 (162).

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most of the letters for the period May 1867–December 1868 are marked with file numbers that correspond to entries in the registers of letters received. However, some of the letters for that period appear to be unregistered.

The single volume of special orders issued and received, June 1867–November 1868 (169), are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically and has a name index. The orders received were from the Assistant Commissioner's office and related to affairs in the Talladega subdistrict.

The unbound general and special orders and circular letters received, December 1865–November 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The series includes copies of monthly returns of Bureau stores (February–June 1867), reports on indigents (October 1865), reports on rations issued (July 1866), and bills of lading (May 1866–January 1867). The series also includes invoices and receipts of commissary stores (June–October 1866); contracts (May 1865–Mar. 1866); and miscellaneous papers, including some deeds dating from 1859.

TALLADEGA (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (170), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. For letters sent for the period May–July 1866, see volume 1 (185), mentioned above, of letters sent by the surgeon for the Freedmen's Hospital at Selma.

The single-volume register of patients, February 1867–November 1868 (172), is arranged alphabetically by surname of patient and thereunder chronologically.

The single volume of morning reports of sick and wounded, September 1867–December 1868 (171), is arranged chronologically.

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TUSCALOOSA

The single volume of letters and endorsements sent and letters received, March–October 1866 (135), is arranged chronologically. It has a name index and contains a list of destitute persons issued rations in February 1866.

Unbound letters received, February 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The unbound general and special orders and circular letters received, January 1866–May 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound contracts, December 1865–April 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–July 1868 (136), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound miscellaneous records, January 1866–May 1867, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include school reports, ration reports, affidavits, complaints, and statements about threats of personal violence and breaking of contracts.

TUSCUMBIA

The records for the subassistant commissioner at Tuscumbia include a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868 (159), and a single volume of fair copies of contracts, November 1865–March 1868 (160). Both of these record series are arranged chronologically, and the single volume of letters sent (159) has a name index.

TUSKEGEE

The single volume of letters sent, September 1865–April 1866 (154), by the assistant superintendent at Tuskegee is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Much of the volume consists of weekly reports sent to the office of the Assistant Commissioner for the period September 1865–April 1866. The volume also contains pay receipts for persons serving as election registrars for the period September–October 1867. There is also a breakdown by district on the number of voters registered by each registrar.

The remaining records for the assistant superintendent at Tuskegee include unbound monthly reports of rations issued, February–April 1866, and a single-volume register of patients from an unidentified hospital, 1865–66 (175 Ark.). The monthly reports are arranged chronologically. The single volume register of patients from an unidentified hospital was listed among the Arkansas book records, but the patients are from Alabama.

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tendent of education for Alabama. These record series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, *Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872*

M752, *Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872*

M803, *Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871*

M809, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870.*

M810, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870*

M1875, *Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861-1869*

Records in other record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Alabama. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Alabama.

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	Monthly Reports on Treatment of Destitute Discharged Soldiers and their Families	June-July 1867
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29	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
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	Letters Received	Sept. 6, 1865–Nov. 29, 1867
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	Morning Reports of Freedmen in Camp and Hospital	Aug.–Dec. 1865
	Complaints	June–Sept. 1866
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	Selma (Freedmen's Hospital)	
	Letters Sent by the Surgeon	
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APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Alabama. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION

DATES

Demopolis

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Capt. A. C. Haltonstall	Aug.-Dec. 1865
Bvt. Maj. C. W. Pierce	Jan. 1866-Feb. 1868
Lt. A. J. Bennett	Feb.-May 1868
C. L. Drake	June 1868
R. A. Wilson	July-Dec. 1868

Greenville

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

A. L. Brown	Sept.-Nov. 1865
T. W. Mostyn	Nov. 1865-ca. June 1866
J. F. McGogy	ca. June 1866-Feb. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Feb.-June 1867
William H. Peck	June-Sept. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Sept.-Nov. 1867
J. A. Hart	Nov.-Dec. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Dec. 1867-July 1868
J. F. McGogy	Aug.-Dec. 1868

Huntsville

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

T. M. Goodfellow	Sept. 1865-Jan. 1866
J. B. Callis	Jan. 1866-Jan. 1868
Robert Harrison	Jan.-Feb. 1868
D. C. Rugg	Mar.-Nov. 1868

Huntsville and Athens

CLAIMS AGENTS

J. W. Willis	Apr.-Sept. 1868
John Wager	Sept. 1868-Jan. 1872

Jacksonville

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND AGENT

Robert Harrison	May-Aug. 1868
William McKibbin (Agent)	Aug. 1868

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Mobile

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

George Harmount	Apr.-Aug. 1865
George Robinson	Oct. 1865-Apr. 1866
G. A. Washburn	Apr.-May 1866
L. J. Whiting	May-Aug 1866
Joseph Logan	Sept.-Oct. 1866
George Tracy	Nov. 1866-Sept. 1867
James Gillette	Sept. 1867-Aug. 1868
John Hyde	Aug.-Sept. 1868
E. H. Weirman	Sept.-Nov. 1868
Frank Towle	Nov.-Dec. 1868

Montgomery

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

George A. Harmount	Oct. 1865-Dec. 1866
L. J. Whiting	Dec. 1866-Aug. 1867
J. C. Hendrix	Aug. 1867-Dec. 1868

Opelika

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

R. T. Smith	June 1867-June 1868
John Bannister	July-Aug. 1868
D. B. Smith	Aug.-Sept. 1868
G. W. Kingsbury	Sept.-Oct. 1868
D. B. Smith	Oct.-Dec. 1868

Selma

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Samuel S. Gardner	Mar.-June 1866
F. D. Ogilby	June-July 1866
Samuel S. Gardner	July-Aug. 1866
George Shorkley	Aug. 1866-Jan. 1868
Charles C. Bartlett	Jan.-Dec. 1868

Talladega

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

D. P. Cilley	Oct.-Nov. 1865
T. Humphrey	Dec. 1865-Apr. 1866
R. Theune	Apr. 1866-Feb. 1867
J. F. McGogy	Feb. 1867-June 1868
George P. Sherwood	June-Dec. 1868

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Tuscaloosa

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Jesse W. Cogswell
W. H. Peck
Robert Blair

Jan.-Apr. 1866
Apr. 1866-Apr. 1867
Apr. 1867-Dec. 1868

Tuscumbia

SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Henry Sweeney
W. H. Heilman
John Raines

May-June 1868
June-Aug. 1868
Aug. 1868

Tuskegee

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

Andrew Geddes
Spencer Smith

Sept.-Nov. 1865
Nov. 1865-Apr. 1866

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
1865-1872

ROLL 14

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

Huntsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

Endorsements Sent

Volume 1 (70)*

Sept. 1865- Jan. 1868

Volume 2 (71)

Feb.-Nov. 1868

Register of Letters Received

Volume (57)

July 1865-Mar. 1866

Letters Received

Volume 1 (58)

Mar.-Oct. 1866

Volume 2 (59)

Oct. 1866- July 1867

Volume 3 (60)

July 1867- Jan. 1868

Volume 4 (61)

Jan.-Dec. 1868

Letters Received

Sept. 1865-Jan. 1869

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Huntsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

Endorsements Sent
Volume 1 (70)

Sept. 1865– Jan. 1868

1
Richterdyke Mary A. Remits that wagon shop of Henry Halsey now
in possession of Gov. to be returned to him

1st Brig. Genl. Rank Comm.

R. F. + R. L.

Refers to Capt. Sub-Dir. Huntville for investi-
-gation and report

Godfellow S. M. Capt. S. D. H. R.

Returns communication saying, "this property never
was on our roll. The S. M. informs me that the
shop is needed for Gov. use & cannot be spared
yet" - Sept. 25/65

Robinson John Remits.

Application for restoration of property to heirs
of R. Horton deceased in Madison Co. Tenn.

1st Major Genl. Comm. R. F. + R. L.

Refer to 1st Brig. Genl. Rank Comm. Nashville Tenn.
for remarks. Are the heirs to this estate Legal?

1st Brig. Genl. Rank Comm.

Refers to S. M. Godfellow Capt. H. Huntville for investi-
-gation & report - papers to be returned

Godfellow Capt. Sub-Dir. H. R.

Returns "with information that the heirs - three sons &
sons-in-law were all in service & disloyal - can
have it." - Sept. 25/65

Calhoun

Master application for restoration of property
Plantation (Contraband Camp and Farm) and
house in Huntsville

Gellon 17 Sept 23 41. R.

Refer to Brig. Genl. First Dist. Comm. Huntsville Tenn.
"Whereas I came to the place inquired about the
property and from what I then could find out I
do not deem it abandoned as the parties were
in a foreign Country but it is supposed that
if Mr. Calhoun had been in the Country he would
have been a success in it."

Goodfellow 21 Sept 23 41. R.
Huntsville Ala Sept 30 1864

He respectfully returns to Lieut. Adams with information
that said store is owned by Wm Tracy as
abandoned property. has been liable to be reached
by either party by the end of the month. On the
21st inst. I recd a requisition from Capt.
Whitell A. L. M. for paid service for his
service. I immediately to instructions from
Genl. C. B. Fisk and B. H. G. I gave notice
for parties to vacate and informed Mr.
Whitell to see A. L. M.

Samuel B. A. A. Gen

22nd 91. Lieut. Adams of Huntsville Ala Sept 30 1864
Respectfully refers to Lieut. Adams
Goodfellow Lieut. Fisk, Sub Dist. 1, Huntsville
Ala, who will investigate this case and
render such assistance as is within his power
to Mr. Fisk who is strongly recommended
as a loyal man

Had both left 11:00 AM. Had in Agency

Respectfully requesting with the
information that the within named
woman will have to produce a
marriage certificate showing that she is
the lawful wife of Ben L. Luman.

Wm Woodfellen Chap. Hedges Bennet and Co

Keatsville Aug. Augt 17th 1803

Salie Lawrence says she
took up with her & mother from Salie
Always together, she is so very destitute.
Salie

T. M. Goodfellow Office Supr R. F. O. & L.

Sub Miss Hendricks, Ala.

Oct-21-1888

So sorry that the above is a
forgotten & handed to the OP
Bureau by President's Office
Yours.

Mr. J. E. Allen. Office Sup. R. F. A. & S.

Deborah Giff Lounsbury Allen

Oct 2^d 1880

I respectfully refer to Gen
 D. H. Appleby, my friend
 & neighbor, Brimrose, as
 this he refers to Col. T. C. Cuthbert
 & was sent to the
 property occupied by Gen
 Sherman & turned over to Mr. D.
 July 10, 1865, since which he has been occupying
 it & charged him with

The book was

Wm. B. Reed & Co.

Nashville Tenn Aug 15 1895

(Respectfully returned)

to Mr. J. M. Woodhouse Super. Minn. Acad.
All for further investigation & more details,
in arch. By order of Brigham Fork

2. To look. All

Wierzb. R. 78 A. 6

Washington Sept 1st 1855

Respectfully returned to Chap. T.
M. Sullivan Sup't for full investigation
& appropriate report. By order, Wm.
H. Fisher

G. H. Clark. H. H. H.

Return to Sir. A.

Castroville June Sept 2d 1865

Respectfully referred to Chap T.M.
I send fellow Dep. Sub-Dist. Vintner
He who will require Chap. Strides to
appear fully in writing the disburse-
ment appearing by order of J. B. B.
O. C. B. B. B.

LC. *Camus* 10/14/74

Moys Pro Max

Huntsville Ala Oct 4/85.
 Mr Geo Musgrave to Nashville Tenn.
 The printer will see where his petition
 should be inserted.

W. T. Leback Capt Respectfully returned through Chap
Woodfellow to Mrs James' Mother
No instructions or orders have as
yet been received at New York
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully returned to Chap
Woodfellow enclosed all
orders & circulars received or
issued
By order of Gen Fisk

W. Wood Hall Capt

Refused to receive Fisk's orders
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully returned to Chap
Woodfellow with instructions to
continue the issue as desired
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback Capt

Respectfully referred to Chap
Woodfellow at Huntsville Ala
with instructions to allow him
the use of the power
By order of Gen Fisk

Max Wood House

Respectfully referred to Brig Gen
LeB Fisk at Huntsville Ala
for such action as the interests
of the service may require
The writer has been informed
of this refusal
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully referred to Chap
Woodfellow for his careful
review and such action as
the interest of the service may
demand
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully returned such applica-
tion to the within must come from
the Chief of the Bureau for this
kind must be accompanied by
a statement of the office or
circumstances which render the
arrest necessary
By order of Gen Fisk

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully returned for signature
of Major Agent of Bureau

Chas. J. Leback

The claims forwarded within this folder
are under process of collection. Please
if you have not done so already to
forward of Attorney for each

W. T. Leback A.S.

Respectfully returned with the information
that mention of the has been detached from
this list as that has been assigned
for aid at Montgomery is the proper
office to address this position petition
which should be accompanied by
evidence of ancestry according to
circulars not herein enclosed

7
Chap Geo Lawrence

Respectfully returned with
request that the name of the
Gen be given as there is no
Gen Thomas

W. L. Hickman Secy
& Comm. Feb 21

Respectfully returned to Chap
Lawrence with a copy of the
Gen order referred to with the
2nd Gen order dated 8/20/57
1865 for this office, renders the following
construction on the order of
Gen Grand. That while the
had a title to the same, it could
not be enforced if could not be
enforced, police as the horse
remains in the police arms
and in view of the fact that
the desert, being by intention
and delivery it to the owner (the
U.S.) he is entitled to a reward
which reward is for all in the case
of Gen Grand, as referred to
in

Chap Geo Lawrence

Respectfully returned to Chap
Lawrence calling attention
to the accompanying in-
demnities

Gen C. B. Fish

Respectfully returned with information
that K. A. has been detached from
the dist and that Gen Sprague
sent him for Ala at Mt Vernon
the proper officer to address the
petition which should be accompanied
by evidence of a money according to
note

W. L. Hickman Chap

Respectfully referred to Brig Gen
Sprague Asst Comm. Bureau &
Mt Vernon Ala with copies of notes
of inquiry

Chap Geo Lawrence

Respectfully referred to Brig Maj Gen
Goddard with the request to know
if there is any money for the victims
claimants through the 2nd Dept

Gen J. L. Sprague

I have nothing about this case
nor do I see any remedy so far as
the 2nd Dept is concerned

Chap Geo Lawrence

Respectfully returned. Albert May
has an unquestionable title to the
Hare in question and Gen Thomas
has issued an order concerning
the case and forbidding any suits
for the recovery of such points

W. H. Richardson & Son, Chicago, Ill.

Harville Oct 10th 1803

Respectfully returned
for the enclosed papers there does
not appear to have any interferences
with the horse in question

Christy Johnson Respectfully requests that you
Good friend calling attention to
Gen Donaldson's Circulars
and asking for a more definite
statement of the case

Wm. Fowler A.B.

W. L. C. B. R. J. A. L.

Washington D.C. Sept 13 1868

Respectfully regard to Brig Gen
Joshua W. Smith Nashville Tenn

For remarks does the applicant
come under any of the captions
of the Proclamation of May 29/803

By order of Maj Gen O. O.
Howard

John Fowler A.G.

Does the Applicant come under
any of the exceptions to the Proc. of
May 29/05 (one set of papers forwarded
to Sec. Bureau with proper set of
oaths &c

J B Sample 116

There are no mercurate (silver) traces
and of all minerals only

J. M. Sweetzer, Chief

Respectfully forwarded to Bro
Isaac Brownson (last) house with
additional statements & letters of sympathy
with the question arising to the
delay of these papers & will collect
much for gift

T. M. Good Fellow Chap

Respectfully forwarded to
 (Mr) Ben Swayne that letter
 with information that Ben Fisk
 had come to Ry & Town
 advised that the ^{signer} signature of
 (Ben) was binding. I respectfully
 suggest that, in returning the property
 that the occupants (Indians),
 be & each of you receive April 30.

Wm. Fowler A. A. G.

B. R. L. & A. L. Washington
D. C.

Respectfully referred to Brig Genl
B. Fisk Asst Secy for report. It
is desirable to know of Mr Sperry's
acts and reputation while absent from
his property as bearing up the question
of abandonment. Does Mr S. within
any of the exceptions to the proclama-
tion of May 29. 1865 By order of the
Secy Maj Genl A. S. Howard,

22 Goodfellow's Creek

Respectfully forwarded to Prof
Gen Sprague Asst Secy RR
J. & A. L. M. Perry Ala.

F. M. Goodfellow

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. H. Swain
Asst. Surg. Genl. Bureau R. F. & L. Mon.
-mory, Ala. with the information that
Mr. Rice has always been and said so
to be notwithstanding his oath of allegiance
a very strong secessionist and under-
took to collect ~~money~~ ^{taxes} this year
by civil process. If this is properly
in nature I respectfully suggest
that no claims be allowed
Gov. ext. vol. 8 —

Genl B. Trisk

Respectfully referred to Bring Gen
Smyon Asylum to B for H

Leadbetter, S. S.

Respectfully returned to P M
Good fellow S R H & Knoxville
Ally This Bureau cannot
make good such losses as are
within our jurisdiction Beyond
of Gen Duane

AB Sample 1.44

Respectfully respond to Chap. D. M.
Henderson with the information
that Mr. Lewis is a man of considerable
loyalty. The Gov. desires to
know why the rules changed
turning over the control of
the State of Mr. Lewis has any
claim to the shore, position of

J. M. Goodfellow

Respectfully returned to Brig
Major Gen. Wriessner with the information
that this order turning over the
crop to Mr. Wriessner was to secure it to him
pending investigation. On investigation
Wriessner was allowed one third of the
of land. If Mr. W. is not satisfied he
can apply to Brig Gen. Davenport
Adj. Gen. & Mr. W. may then ask Mr.
W. to pay it. It is not questioned but
in our decision and must be
governed by justice according
to our judgment.

O. C. Whitney

Respectfully to J. M. Goodfellow
Jasper MaCarthy lives near
Huntsville Marshall Co. Mo.

1. E. Leland & Co. & Co.

Respectfully, referred to ~~that~~ letter
Good friends for remarks By
Carried of Good Friends

J. M. Goodfellow

Respectfully returned to Bro
Gen. Winthrop with information
that this piece is ^{being in possession of} ~~part~~ ^{belonging to} Leacock handle
not knowing anything about
Mr L's training taken through
it was seized legitimately
returned on order of Gen. Hooker
but being occupied in
by Rogers & pick Mr. Leacy
waiting to put them out
before they can get a
copy to a newspaper. The
House will be aware

Wm Fowler A.A.

Respectfully referred to Brig Gen
E. B. Fisk who will please give
Mrs. Barnard all assistance
possible in removing from the
plantation Negroes who are upon
without proper authority it is
understand that there is a
No are there who probably
clerk

E. Leach Jr. A.A.

Respectfully referred to Brig
J. M. Goodfellow who will
carry the instructions of
J. C. Howard to the
end

Jno Lawrence A.A.

Respectfully referred to William
to Chap Goodfellow. Sup
N. A. who will please state
what the price of cotton was
at present taking as cotton is
selling at from 30 to 50 cts per
pound according to quality or
the kind used in cotton

J. M. Goodfellow Chap
Sup Dec 1864

Respectfully referred to Chap
of Lawrence. The average price
cotton is 40¢ but the Dept
of Mr. Howard will observe
justice in the case as there
have been the average price
is 40¢ literally with the
Law

J. M. Goodfellow

Respectfully returned to Mr.
Spraggins. The Negroes will send
some in response to their and
have the contract acknowledged
in this office. There are many
of actions interfering with the
black market now. The
contract is signed by the
Supervisor before it will
be approved

Respectfully referred to Mr. Lane
Before I issued the order I
knew the trouble to know
my duty the plan code being
that as the labor being free it is not
done order from that Dept. that
the labor of the freedmen is the
first time in the crop and so
it shall be and if need be
will be once if I told Mr. Wood
right since the key was made if
necessary I would send a copy of
the order to the order of the
Division must be obeyed
My. B. is not to argue
with the duty

Wm. A. A.A.

Respectfully referred to Chap Goodfellow
Please advise me what to do
in each case of what is done
to make this case

A B Lewis Capt 1st Regt

Respectfully returned I have nothing of the within named property if you have it or your wills please describe and transfer it to me & I will take it in my hands

Wm E. Glendon

Respectfully referred to the ap Goodfellow for report action to be taken and returned order of procedure

J M Goodfellow

Respectfully returned to Brig Maj Sam Brown with the information that in the letter of Sep 11/85 Brown informed me that he had passed the fish with regard to Mr Morris reascertainment that the property was being by seized in getting to release as he wanted the property in question and asked me to vacate said property at the end of the month decided as my jurisdiction cannot with the month and the order of the Bureau was to turn over the property without regard to whom might be in it. Hence on the 23rd we had no authority to put Mess Lillie and Emphins out of Bureau the property was delivered to Mr Newman with which he going through the proper channels

J. J. Goodfellow

M Goodfellow

M Goodfellow

Approved for Medical Supplies

Regulation

Respectfully referred to Col C. C. A. A. Gen B R F. Montgomery also. This is in accordance with Genl orders No 147. War Department Nov 10/85. The above articles on hand at the 2 M. at this post. and respectfully ask the approval of the within regulation -

Adj Dir Dist Newtville
Office Br Marshal Nov 22nd 1865

Respectfully referred to Capt Goodfellow
Supt B R F. & L. I have ordered the within mentioned citizens to be arrested and held subject to your order at Decatur. Please inform me what action you take in this case

Office Supt B R F. A. L. Sub Dir
Newtville Nov 22nd 1865
Patterson
Respectfully referred to a Morley, agt B R. F. at Decatur. You will arraign the man, if the charge are sustained by your testimony. Have the goods & property restored & fine the offender accordingly. If need be, inform him. Case must be made. Call on the military at times. Report action

J M Goodfellow

Office Supt R.R.P. & A.D.
Sub Dist Hunterville
Hunterville Ala Nov 22nd 1865

This is to certify authorise
Henry Simpson to teach
School among freedmen
at Decatur Ala or in any
part of the State North of the
34th parallel. In which employ-
he will be protected so long as his
conduct is such as becomes a
civil loyal citizen.
And the Military of the same
post to where said School is held
will furnish any protection neces-
sary and should abstain from offend-
ing threats made. The Provost Marshal
will arrest said parties and send
them to this office for trial.

By order of Brig Genl Swayne

Hunterville Ala
Nov 23rd 1865

Specis for restoration of
Hunt in Hunterville Ala,
claiming that it was not aban-
doned on approach of troops, &
routed out when no troops
near.

J M Goodfellow
By Nick Davis ally

J M Goodfellow
Brig Genl W Swayne

Office Supt R.R.P. & A.D.
Sub Dist Hunterville
Hunterville Ala Nov 24th 1865

~~Refused to~~ Respectfully refused
to Brig Genl W Swayne. abt com
Montgomery Ala.

Mr Morley was an original
escaped and negro trader,
but left the house a slave to
in absence of any troops. The
house is under rent to a Mr
Arnold, of Penna. Freedman
aid a provision & occupied by
Traders. Last spring Sept 1st
1866. This was done in total
order from Genl Fisk, conveyed
to me by Mr Arnold.

J M Goodfellow
A W Patterson. apt

Office Supt R.R.P. & A.D.
Sub Dist Hunterville

Respectfully returned to A W
Patterson apt B de Decatur Ala
The man was not a slave Jan 1st
1865. No one had a right to hire
out the time of freedmen. The sent
was for no consideration. hence not
binding. The administrators will refuse
the job to Mr Wood, who will
the extra man for all the time
was done. This applies to all such
cases. Collect for freedmen if
have to size properly.

J M Goodfellow
To Brig Gen W Mayne

Officer Capt B.R. & L
Sub Dist Hualville
Nov 24th 1865.
Respectfully referred to
Gen W Mayne, Aft Com.
Montgomery Ala.

The land was made vacant
- It within ^{stated} Mr told me that
Gen Wick had sent me
to leave for a year having
full confidence in what he
said. I did so. I respectfully
call attention to the statement
of Mr Buckley who is now a
friend of the Post

J M Goodfellow
To Brig Maj Gen. Sherman

Officer Capt B.R. & L
Respectfully referred to
Brig Maj Gen Sherman
Dist Hualville.

This Bureau has no juris-
- diction over this property.
It was an oversight in the
court in not seizing it.

Mr McDavit has applied
for & I presume will soon have
his property restored, that
is in our hands

Hualville Nov 24th 1865

Witnesses.

Amanda Poff
Jan Jones
Amanda Gill
Ellen Brown
Joe Buckley
Henry Brown

J. Hawks
D. Coroner.

Witnesses.

(P. Hawks
S. S. Eslinger
G. M. Hunter
W. S. Allen
J. S. Williams
Alfred Hughes
J. D. Schumaker

Respectfully referred to Comdg
Officer U.S. A. S. I. for his
information.

W. H. M. Miller
1st Lt 88th U.S. I.
Aft Supt's Solicitor
Sub Dist. Hualville
(In absence of Chap Goodfellow)

Major Elmer Pearson
S. J. M. Goodfellow

St. J. Muller
Capt Cleveland

St. J. Muller to
Spring Muller to
Capt Whittier apt
Supt Bureau R. F. & S. L.

Office Capt Sub Dist Hautsville
Bureau R. F. & S. L.
Hautsville Ala Nov 27/05
Respectfully returned to Capt Cleveland
S. A. G. Dist Hautsville Ala. We do not
recognize this person, Linton, as a true
of freedom having any connection with
our with this Bureau, he having
authority from the self of Linton
for the Bureau, John Ogden Esq
St. J. Muller
1st Lt 88th U. S. C. I.

S. Apt Supt Sub Dist Hautsville
Bureau R. F. & S. L.
In absence. S. M. Goodfellow

St. J. Muller to
S. M. Goodfellow
Nov 28/05

Office Capt Sub Dist Hautsville
Bureau R. F. & S. L.
Respectfully returned to S. M. Goodfellow
will at once take action in this matter
and report proceedings and result to
This office

Enclosed affidavit of Jacob
Larkin. Colred for wages due
from Saml Beams near Guntersville
Ala, for labor performed
by said Larkin.

also enclosed the accompanying
letter of M. Hartman, Capt
40th U. S. C. I.

Office Supt Sub Dist Hautsville
Bureau R. F. & S. L.

Hautsville Ala Nov 28/05
Respectfully returned to Capt
Whittier apt for Bureau for
country about Guntersville, who
will attend to the matter at
once

Spring Muller to
Major Wade 40th U. S. C. I.
Birmingham Ala

Office Supt Sub Dist Hautsville
Bureau R. F. & S. L.

Hautsville Ala Nov 28/05
Respectfully returned to Major Wade
40th U. S. C. I., with provision return
asked for, enclosed. When approved
by Commander of the post then
the Coms will issue.

In regard to back pay, bounty
pension &c the woman is entitled
to it if her husband died in
service & it can be obtained for
her. Your attention is directed
to the enclosed circulars

No. 11

Marshall Co. Ala.

Sherris (Contract ordered) that March 14th 1865. he contracted with cold people formerly his slaves, mentioned by name that crop cotton raised by them on his plantation should be divided equally between employees. They also to perform work.

Office Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville
Burrus R. F. & S. L.

Respectfully referred to Capt. Miller
agt for Burrus in Marshall Co
Springfield

J. Johnston
Col Comdg.

Letter that private Wm. F. Smith
Co. 44th U.S.C.I. has been arrested &
is now awaiting an investigation of
case made known by St. Miller. agt
Supt R. F. & S. L. & Solicitor Burrus

Ad agt 44th U.S.C.I.
Nov 29th 1865.

Respectfully forwarded
J. Johnston Col Comdg.

Springfield
J. M. Lane agt.

Office Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville.
Burrus R. F. & S. L. Huntsville Nov 30th 1865.
Respectfully referred to J. M. Lane agt for
Burrus. Sim. Stone Co, who will make a report
of this case at once to this office hereafter
of any similar case, where end of the
parties is informed.

Office Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville
Burrus R. F. & S. L.

Respectfully returned to St. N. D. Burrus
44th U.S.C.I. with the request that private
Wm. F. Smith of his Camp be sent to this
office under guard in order that an investiga-
tion of his case may be had today.

Office Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville.
Dec 2nd 1865.

Respectfully forwarded to Adjt Comr of
Burrus R. F. & S. L. for Alabama, with recom-
-mendation that the Govt property in said cabins
be made over to owner of said plantation.

Springfield
J. M. Lane agt.

Adjt & Solicitor of Burrus
R. F. & S. L. Sub Dist. H.
In attn of Chapl. G. G. G.

Confession to
E. P. Fitch

Office Supt Refuges, Freedmen & Lands
Sub Dist. Huntsville. Nov 15th 1865.
Respectfully returned. The house will be
closed by Saturday Nov 18th, when
you take charge of it Hospital &c.
J. M. G. G. G.
Chap. G. G. G.

Offr. Brig Gen. Sherman
 to J M Goodfellow
 refers to letter No 216.
 Dec 2nd Dist. Huntsville.
 Office for Marshall Dec 7

(See letter No 216)
 Respectfully referred to Chaplain
 Goodfellow for his information and
 any action he may deem necessary
 I shall be pleased to aid you in
 any possible.
 By order of Wm. Miller
 Brig Gen. Sherman
 John H. Shannell Secy. Huntsville

J M Goodfellow
 (See letter No 216)
 Office Capt. S. R. F. S. L.
 Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Dec 8th 1865
 Write to the agent at Decatur
 for Transcript of action in the
 Michu case.

Lt Wm Miller to
 Mr Capt Sand. Asst
 Athens Ala
 Huntsville Ala Dec 11th 1865.
 Office Capt Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Respectfully referred to Mr Sand
 of Bureau at Athens whose attention
 is called to the Michu statement, which
 if true, must have its weight on the
 case. Mr Sand will make a report
 of the case to this office, returning
 this paper.

Lt Wm Miller to
 Lt Col H. H. Budd.
 Office Capt Sub Dist. Huntsville Ala
 Bureau R. F. S. L. Dec 12th 1865
 Respectfully returned to Col Budd with
 the return requested.

Wm Miller to
 Office Capt Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Bureau R. F. S. L. Huntsville Ala
 Dec 12th 1865.
 Respectfully forwarded, approved
 Wm Miller. P. H. 88252.
 to be in abnd of Chap Goodfellow.

Office Capt Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Bureau R. F. S. L. Huntsville
 Ala Dec 14th 1865.
 Respectfully referred to Head Quarters
 Dist. Huntsville
 Wm Miller
 No 88252 U.S.C.S.
 apt Capt. S. D. + B. R. F. S. L.
 in abnd of Chap J M Goodfellow.

J. Goodfellow
 Office Capt B. R. F. S. L.
 S. J. H.
 Dec. 19. 1865-
 Respectfully refers to Provost Major Gen.
 Quinson Comd. Dist. Huntsville and re-
 spectfully request that one Link and
 Gistum men be sent to Huntsville. I
 have for some time been on the way of
 asking this detail but wanted the
 request to come as it has

J. M. Goodfellow to
 Br. Majr Paul Garrison
 Huntsville Ala

(covering Letter No 245)

Office Supt B. R. F. & A.
 Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Dec 19th 1855. H. Gifford to
 Mr. Miller
 Dec 22/55.

Respectfully referred to
 Majr Paul Garrison, Comdg
 Dist. Huntsville, and respectfully
 request that one Supt and
 fifteen men be sent to Coal Supply to (previous page)
 land, & have been for some
 time been on the eve of action.

This detail, but would the Mr. Miller to
 request to come as it has been
 Return this.

J. M. Goodfellow
 S. & C. This money be collected
 & sent to this office.

John W. King, a. a. t.
 Lt & a. a. D. C.

(in reply to above)

Respectfully returned with
 information that the detail
 has been ordered as requested

Lt Wm Miller, a. a. t.
 J. M. Gifford, Supt
 M. & C. R. R. Huntsville Ala
 (See I. R. book No 152.)

(See reply. He on next page)

Office Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville
 B. R. F. & A. S. L.

Respectfully referred to Mr. Gifford
 Supt M & C R. R. Huntsville, where a
 here is called to the witness statement
 affidavits; and request that the money
 thus wrongfully obtained be returned
 to the colonel Mew, through this office
 These papers to be returned.

Complaint of Jas L. Clemens
 Paul Garrison, about
 my farm.
 to endorsed by
 I. M. Garrison -
 M. Goodfellow to
 Paul Garrison

Respectfully returned stating as
 the transportation was taken up on
 the West Side of the Tennessee river,
 leave me without power to act.
 I will refer your papers to Paul
 Supt at Memphis for his action
 Thereon -
 Respectfully
 H. R. Gifford

Relates to a claim of Thos. Davidson
 Huntsville Tenn. and him (H. R.) in Co "B".
 14 Col'd Regt. which he asks to be sent
 by Adams Express to care of R. M. Richards
 Huntsville Tenn. Letter written to Lt. Thornton
 Knoxville Tenn. The same morning &
 returned to Thos. Davidson, with the information
 "it was impossible to collect the money
 last pay day, or if you wish the note,
 I can send them to you."

Genl J. Thornton
 Lt 14th U. S. C. S.

Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. S. Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Dec 20th 1855.

Respectfully returned to Br. Majr Paul Garrison, I had
 verbal orders from Paul Garrison to open two colonies
 in N. Ala. & this farm was recommended by the adminis-
 trators. Paul Wacker & Mr. Brickell. who sent one of the
 legatus with me to look at the farms. Then when
 I went to the public meeting, I saw a legatus
 who was said to be indispensable, bidding, I understood
 it was a trick to run the farms up on me, & when
 I told them I would take it no matter
 bid on it as I would it for a public
 & not a private matter.

From
C. C. Webb, a. a. g. p. s.
to J. M. Foster, a. a. s.

(refy. to W. Miller, p. 24)

T. M. Tiddelen To
 Mrs. Anna Hobbs.
 Actino alba.
 (See pp. 24 & 29.)

Restoration properly
of the spaggiis

(~~Aut.~~ New York T.R.
No. 270.)

Mr. Gerritson to
Major Genl Stryker
Montgomery Ala

(Report to petition of
Enoch in Tasmania
asking for protection, &c

Office apt Comm: Pitt St. N. 2

Montgomery of 1. Dec 18

Respectfully returned. If Mrs. Ann
Hobb has received her goods from
President, the within mentioned paper
will be returned to her.

My order of Feb May. Genl M May.

Officer Capt. P. R. F. & V.
Web. Little, Newcastle etc
— Dec 29th 1865.

Respectfully referred to Mrs
 Annie Hobbs, and attention! E. Cleland, a. a. a. and
 called to the ladies endowment. Newcomb.
 No permission was ever given for the 192 "L. S."
 removal of property.
 J. M. Goodfellow

Officer Capt. R. H. L. L.
and his. Hamilton and
Dorset 1881.

The property of N Spraggins
has been restored as for mistake
error.

Office Capt R. R. F., N. L., at Dist
Nov 29/05. Respectfully yours, L. J. ...

Our Surveyor, after Commr. Montgomery's attention directed to the within Statements has written to Mayor & City Council of Columbia in regard to their ordinances. But the community was intensely excited and will take some time to recover. There are many bugaboes in this

Office Insp. R. R. F. & V. L.

Sub. Dist. Newtonville Ga.
January 3rd 1888.

Respectfully agreed to Bot Major
Gus Smyrn. apt Comr.

Formal application was made
for the restoration of this property
but it has been mislaid. As Mr
Coltark has complied with all
conditions & is a worthy man, I
respectfully recommend his
property be restored

Wed June 4th 1866,

Respectfully returned with the infor-
-mation that Two (2) officers and
Fifty (50) men have already been
ordered to Tuscania for the benefit
of that place & the surrounding
country. The detail leaves today.
The officer in command has
instructions ~~from~~ to call at your
office-

M. Giffordson to
Nelson agt

aprov. a no 297. L.R.

Officer Supt B. P. F. & L. Love,
Huntsville Ala July 5th 1866

Respectfully referred to W. H. Harrison
of B. & S. Stevens. The land being put
into possession of by proper Military
authority, it could be held for a number
but at end of time the owner will
re possession of it by civil process.
The Bureau has nothing to do with it.

Nobbs. J. G.

applicants for restoration of
Muckles place, situated in
Madison County Ala & residing
of a lease.

Office Supt B.R. Post. & S.
Sub. Dist Huntsville Ala
January 10/00.

Respectfully forwarded to Col
Mayne, with information that
this is the second application for
this property, not being recalled
before the first of the year. The
former owner used said year, while
as ~~has~~ all conditions have been
been complied with, recommending
respectfully its restoration and
rescinding the lease.

J. M. Goodfellow
Chap 101 Reg. Co. D.
Supt &c.

J. M. Goodfellow, to
Capt Cleland a. a. a. g. u.
(Shd 2 hrs.)

Long Office Supt B.R. Post & S.
Huntsville Ala Jan 10/00
Stafford Lt Col W. 42. 1852. S. apt
Supt B.R. Post & S. asks for a leave
of absence of ten days to visit
Cornith Miss, business of a private
nature.

Respectfully forwarded. Approved
J. M. Goodfellow
To Quarters, Dist Huntsville Ala
January 11th 1866. Respectfully
returned. Disapproved
By order Bvt Maj Gen Grant
J. E. Cleland

J. E. Cleland by order of
Chief Garrison

Office Supt Sub. Dist. Huntsville
Bureau R. P. & S. L.
Huntsville Ala Jan 10th 1866

Respectfully returned to C. P. Haskell
for a sign, with the information that
at Bot Major ones having reported
here for duty from Montgomery Ala,
he has been assigned to duty at
Cleveland Lawrence Co Tenn where
by W. H. Byrum

By order of Col J. B. Calkins

Office Supt Sub. Dist. Huntsville
Bureau R. P. & S. L.
Huntsville Ala

Respectfully returned to H. L. Clay with
the information that this property has
been now been in possession of the Bureau
legally, but having been occupied by dis-
turb Refuges & Freedmen under the control
of the Bureau orders will be issued to the
further occupying to at once remove
therefrom and possession is hereby given to
the petitioner, of the within described prop-
erty with the express understanding that
under no circumstances is the Govt of
the U. S. to be held responsible to the
owner, or others for any damage to the
said property, or for back rent, or
other thing. The surrender of the
same date from this 13th day of
January 1866.

John McAuley To Capt F. Danam Stevenson at Mobile
Major Fortfellow

Respectfully referred to S. D. Stevenson at a
Relates to No 322. L.R. Fortfellow for instructions in reply to Letter No 225
John McAuley Book L.S.
(Respond to be forwarded July 13, 1866)

A. R. Collier to John McAuley
Mobile June 15th 1866

Relates to the above & No 322. on book L.R.
Respectfully returned to John McAuley, Capt R. F. S. A. Stevenson also, with the information that he will act upon the instructions given him by Chap Fortfellow in all matters pertaining to the same. Capt F. Danam Stevenson has no authority, either as a Commander of the post, if you need his services in the discharge of any duties devolving upon you as agent the agent of the Bureau you can call on him he will respond.

S. M. Fortfellow to Col C. Cadogan a. a. g. m. Montgomery also

Office Sept R. F. S. A. (Hautville also Dec 23)
Requests the detail of Capt W. M. Melman 42. U.S.C.I. to take charge of Colony.
(See next memorandum in appy)

Office 1st Comm BR S. A. L

Respectfully referred to Major Paul C. R. Woods, with the request that the detail may be made.
(See the following also)

Office Capt Comm P. R. F. S. A. X
Montgomery also June 12/66.

Respectfully returned and attention called to the memorandum from Dept Ad 9th.
By order of
M. Major Paul Hugo Mayan
C. Cadogan A. A. G. m.
(also see the following)

Dept also Ad 9th Mobile
January 8th 1866.

Respectfully returned to Major Paul Mayan. The 12th (+ 40th, Colored Inf), will in all probability soon be mustered out of service. It is recommended that details may be sent from one of the other Regts
Chas R Wood Major Paul
M. A. Hartman a. a. g. m.
(See the following also)

Major Paul Woods to Major Paul Mayan
Mobile June 6, 66
all the above refer
Letter No 225. Book L.S.)

Post Major Elmer W. Morgan
To Post Col I B. Callis

(Refers to Communication
from S. H. Sunday. Informer also
advises for position of apt or apt)

Col I B. Callis To
S. H. Sunday
Herewith enclosed

Office apt Post. State of Ala
S. H. & N. L.
Montgomery, May 19/60

Respectfully referred to Post
Col I B. Callis. Supt so with
instructions to employ the services
of David H. Sunday Informer as
as far as his services are available.
(See the following

Office Comm. R. F. & A. L.
Sub Dist. Huntsville Ala
May 24th 1860.

Respectfully returned to David H.
Sunday Esq. with the information
that we have an apt of the
Demand for the security of Lauderdale
but that if, at any time or for any
cause, we should need an agent.
We would be most happy to avail
ourselves of his valuable services.
By order of Col Callis
W. J. Miller. P.M. &c

Post Major Elmer W. Morgan
To Post Col I B. Callis

See the following

Col Callis To
C. O. Whitney apt
Scottsboro Ala

Post Major Elmer W. Morgan
To Post Col I B. Callis

Refers to letter of
E. A. Tenge. apt
at Florence Ala.
asking about selling
Govt horses & mules
I B. Callis to
E. A. Tenge
Florence Ala

Ad. Thos. Dist Huntsville Ala
May 25th 1860.
Respectfully referred to Col I B.
Callis. U. S. V. apt S. H. & A. L.
By order of Col I B. Callis
W. J. Miller - S. H. & A. L. &c.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
May 25th 1860.

Respectfully referred to C. O. Whitney
agent. Bureau R. F. & A. L. at Scottsboro
Ala. with the request, that the parties
within named, be arrested forthwith,
& tried immediately: & report result
to this office, as early as practicable.

Office Post Comm. State of Ala

Montgomery May 22nd 1860

Respectfully referred to Col I B. Callis Supt
Jesc. Huntsville Ala. through whom this com-
munication should have been sent. This Demand
has no authority to sell Govt Stock

By order Elmer W. Morgan

McE. Wickham. Capt & as a gent

Office Supt R. F. & A. L. May 20/60

Respectfully returned to Col Tenge apt to, where
attention is called to the above advertisement.
Mr. Tenge will be careful in future, to send
his official communications ^{through} this office.

By order of Col I B. Callis

W. J. Miller

Col. A. P. Leach to
 A. M. Patterson, apt. R.R. & A. L.
 Decatur Ala

Office Supt. (R. R. & A. L.)
 Huntsville Ala
 January 29th 1866

(See. York L.R. No 353.)
 Respectfully referred to A. M. Patterson, apt. for Morgan County, who will give the necessary instructions to the within named officer, he having failed to report to this office as specified within.

Solomon Cochran, Apt. R.R. & A. L.
 To Apt. Major Genl. W. S. Swayne

Office apt. Comm. R. R. & A. L.
 Huntsville Jan'y 14th 1866

(Respectfully referred to Apt. Major Genl. W. S. Swayne, apt. Comm. for Ala at Montgomery Ala with request that he protect the property of Sergeant Cochran in his absence)

(See the following)

Det. Major Genl. W. S. Swayne
 Montgomery Ala
 To Col. Leach

Office apt. Comm. R. R. & A. L.
 January 20th 1866
 Respectfully to Det. Col. J. B. Castle, Supt. R. R. & A. L. for investigation & such action as he may think proper advise Supt. Garton of action

By C. Cochran, A. L. Genl.
 See the following
 on next page

Col. L. P. Wallis, To
 Major Wm. Garton
 U.S.C. I.
 Kingston Springs Tenn

Office Comm. R. R. & A. L.
 Sub. Dist. Huntsville Ala
 January 29th 1866

Respectfully returned to Supt. Major Wm. Garton, U.S.C. I. with the information that the Probate Judge of Madison Co. Ala. has appointed A. J. Schimsher, Sheriff of Madison Co. to administer to adjust the matter of difference at issue and as soon as the matter is settled amicably, each legatee will have his rights under the laws any claims not found on record, or upon records that have been destroyed, should be presented at once to the proper authority for adjudication, in the mean time, until the matter is finally & legally settled, the present status of the property will remain in statu quo. By order of Col. L. P. Wallis
 Wm. J. M. Miller, apt. Supt. &c

Wm. J. M. Miller, apt. apt.
 Silas Thurlow
 Huntsville Co. Ala

Refers. to No 350. L. R.

Office Supt. Sub. Dist. Huntsville
 Huntsville Ala Jan'y Dec 8/66

Respectfully returned to Mr. Silas Thurlow to know the names of the parties of the peace & constables within referred to.

Respectfully returned, the name of the party is, J. A. Martin & the constable William Martin. At Huntsville Ala
 Silas Thurlow

Act Col J. P. Lewis

To
Col C. C. Cade A. S. G. M.

Office Supt. Sub Dist Newbern
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Huntsville Jan 29th 1865

Respectfully respond to Col C.
Cade A. S. G. M. Bureau R. F.
A. S. Montgomery also with the
recommendation that the Justice
The peace J. T. Martin at Moorhead
Simmons Co Ala be removed and
Robert T. Thatch appointed in his
place. Said Thatch is a lawyer
& is credited for as all right.

Act Col J. P. Lewis To
Col C. C. Cade for a. a. g. m.
Montgomery also

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Sub Dist. Newbern also
January 29th 1865

(See Book L. R. No 358)

Respectfully returned to Col C.
Cade a. a. g. m. Montgomery also
with the information that the within
mentioned property does not appear
on any records in this office

See the following.

Refers to special orders No 17
restoring the property, known
"as Samuel Marshall plantation"

Office Apt Comm R. F. & A. L. Montgomery also
Feb 10th 65. Respectfully returned to Act Col
Cade. Supt. &c. This property is claimed by
John & Hobbs, as trustee for the estate of
S. Marshall. By order of Act Col Cade
W. S. Johnson
W. S. Johnson

Act Col J. P. Lewis To
John McCauley
gt R. F. & A. L.
Huntsville Ala

Refers to order from
Supt. I may be for
the restoration of property
of George W. Rice &
Jackson Co Ala

Act Col J. P. Lewis To
John McCauley, apt
R. F. & A. L.
Huntsville also

Refers to a statement
made by Geo. Wilson
concerning
James Caperton and
John Cogfield.
Lock of Jackson Co

Act Col J. P. Lewis To
Huntsville Ala Jan 29th 1865

Respectfully returned. This property
has now been placed in my hands.
I take it for granted that it
has been turned over; if not, the
owner has permission to take
possession at once.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Sub Dist. Huntsville also
Jan 30th 1865

Respectfully returned to John
McCaulley apt of R. F. & A. L.
Huntsville also with the request that
the affidavit of the party be taken
& have it verified by other testimony
if possible & all the papers sent to this
office for further action. I would
suggest that Mr McCaulley get some
Legal Counsel to prepare the papers
if possible, so that they may be in
legal form.

Ort Col S. B. Callis. Jr.
Col Cloud Jr. again
Montgomery Ala

Refers to decision of this
office, in case Freedom vs Penn.
Penn. agreed to give them for their
services for the year 1865. one third
of a first crop of cotton & corn.
Freedom claimed also one third of
cotton seed & fence, which was
decided in their favor. hence
the appeal.

Office apt comm. Montgomery Ala. Aug 10/68
See page 50. for balance statement.

Col S. Johnson To
Lt S. Leonard

Hon Leonard.

125 110 U.S.C.I.

Office Bureau R. F. S. L.
Sub. Dist. Huntsville Ala
January 30th 1868.

Respectfully referred to Col
Cloud A. A. Genl Bureau R. F. S. L.
Dept. Ala on an appeal from the
decision of this office. The case of
"a first crop" does or does not a third of
The crop raised, mean every thing for
-farming there. Attention invited there
within said contract -

Reply to cloud. Respectfully returned
"A third of crop means. Everything raised
The within order is correct by order
of Major Genl S. Johnson, by the direction of a 29.

Ad Jrs Dist. Huntsville
Huntsville Ala Jan 29/68

Respectfully referred to Lt S. G.
Leonard. 110. U.S.C.I. in charge
Prison. per report. This paper
to be returned.

see the report below

Huntsville Ala Jan 29/68
The parties referred to in the within
communication, broke jail through the
top of the jail. Having no instructions
to keep a guard at that portion of
The Prison. I do not feel that I am
responsible for their escape.

Very Respectfully
(S. S. Johnson on 1/30/68)

S. Johnson per Andy Post Ad Jrs. Dist. Huntsville
Huntsville Ala
January 29th 1868.

Respectfully returned to Col
S. B. Callis, calling attention
to the movement of St Leonard
St Leonard is charged of Percy
& a few other prisoners charged
with grave offenses, & has no
instructions to guard any of the
prisoners in the county jail except
there. I understand that the
prisoners who escaped were not
sent to St A. Crampton. A. S. D. C.
& acty Pro Mar, for safe keeping
but the Sheriff, Mr. Schumacher
I would suggest that in future
the prisoners of the Freedom's Bond
be sent to St Crampton, where they
will be duly registered and guarded
as the other prisoners, at either
The Military Prison or County Jail.

S. Leonard. apt R. F. S. L.
Althms Ala
Supt R. F. S. L.
Huntsville Ala

in reply to h. 359 ltr. S. S. L.

This man was arrested on a
caption under an indictment by
grand jury. has been brought
out on Habeas Corpus. and
admitted to bail, is now at liberty
J. S. Leonard

W. Spring Miller. To
A. W. Patterson, agt
Declarator Act

Office Supt B. R. F. S. A. L.
Sub. Dist. Huntsville Ala
January Feby 1st 1868

Refers to report of Capt C.
A. Beckert, U. S. V.

Respectfully referred to A. W.
Patterson Esq. agt of Bureau for
Morgan Co, who is requested to supply
Capt C. A. Beckert, U. S. V. with such
information as may be needed to supply
that portion of Morgan Co about the
Vachermosa Springs, if he can, con-
-sistent with his instructions, from
this office. Capt C. is supposed
to report to you. By order of
Col J. R. Callis.

Act Col J. R. Callis
To
F. J. Mitchell agt
Scottsboro Ala

Office Supt B. R. F. S. A. L.
Feby 3rd 1868

Respectfully referred to F. J. Mitchell agt
of Bureau for Jackson Co at Scottsboro Ala
who is requested to cooperate with the
Postah Pledge, & Post Brig Genl Lester
in the issue of the supplies for Jackson
Co. in such manner as to see that no
part of the county is neglected.

Mr Mitchell will however remember
that he is held accountable for the
issue of these supplies, and for the
proper report of the same, & will
therefore hold his agt to an
agt for all issues made by them.

By order of Col Callis
W. Spring Miller

Act Col J. R. Callis
To
F. J. Mitchell agt
Scottsboro Ala

Office Supt B. R. F. S. A. L.
Sub Dist. Huntsville Ala
Feby 7th 1868.

Refers to No 389, in S. R.)

Respectfully referred to F. J.
Mitchell agt at Scottsboro Ala
attention invited to enclosed and
former instructions from this office
J. R. Callis.
Col & Supt

Col J. R. Callis.

To Col J. Johnson
Comdg Dist. Huntsville

Office Supt B. R. F. S. A. L.
Sub Dist. Huntsville Ala
Feby 12/68

(See Prob. L. R. No 380.)

Respectfully referred to Col J. Johnson
Comdg Post Dist. Huntsville Ala, with
the request that he take such action in
this matter,
as the facts mentioned seem to
justify

J. R. Callis
Act Col U. S. Vols &c

In reply. Commg
from
Col J. Johnson

Act 2ds Dist. Huntsville. Ala
Huntsville Ala Feby 12/68

Respectfully returned to Col Callis. Supt. &
Procurement Bureau. The only cause to be
pursued by Mr. Ales in this matter is,
if the parties concerned are responsible to answer
in the civil courts of the State, with reference to the
injuries inflicted upon Mr. A. I would advise him to make
a full statement of the facts in writing, which I shall
forward to Messrs Seal Thomas, Comdg Dist. Huntsville
for his action. My instructions are not to
actively interfere in such cases.

See next page

Col Wallis

To
Mr John Swann
Huntsville Ala

Office Supt R. I. & A. S. Dist Huntsville
Huntsville July 12th 1866

Respectfully returned to Mr John Swann
who is requested to make a full report
the outrageous complaint of with a list
of witnesses or persons cognizant of the
facts and forward to this office.
J. B. Wallis

Genl O. O. Howard

To
Bvt Maj Wager Swayne
Dist Camp R. I. & A. S.

War Dept. Bureau Refuges Freedmen
Washington D. C. July 12th
Respectfully referred to Bvt Major
Genl Wager Swayne Assistant
Comm. of. for investigation such
action as the interests of the Bureau
may require

By Order of
Maj Genl Howard
Maj Wood Hull
Col and Asst. Adj. Genl

Bvt Maj Genl Wager Swayne

To
Bvt Col Jno B Wallis Supt R. I. & A. S.

Office Asst Comm R. I. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala July 10/66
Respectfully referred to Bvt Col
J. B. Wallis Supt R. I. & A. S. Huntsville
Ala. for report. These papers were
returned

By Order of
Bvt Maj Genl Swayne
M. L. Wilkinson
a. a. s. g.

Jno B Wallis

To

J. Mitchell, Esq. Agent
Scottsboro. Ala

Office Supt Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Dist Huntsville

Respectfully referred to J. J. Mitchell
Esq. Agt. of Bureau for Jackson
Co. who will make an examination
into the evils complained of and if
they exist recommend such action
as may be necessary to remedy
them - This will be accompanied
by a full report of such investig-
-ation, these papers will be returned

By Order of
Jno B Wallis
W. D. Smith's Midler

Col Jno B Wallis

To

A. Henry Patterson
off R. I. & A. S.
Director etc

Office Supt R. I. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala July 10/66

Respectfully returned, to which Agents
that A. H. Patterson, gather the names
in the case to which. Take the affidavits
of the party making the complaint +
forward these papers with copy of
complaint certified to by affidavits
upon which the officers will be
brought to justice. ~~and all matters~~
+ their arrangements. J. B.

Jno B Wallis
Col + Supt
Freedmen

(See Book I. C. No 383)

H. H. H. H. H. H.
Asst. Capt.

To
Mrs. M. E. Patterson
Applic for rent of Hospital

Special Requisition
for Horses (2) Hagon (1 H
Horse wagon & team) Hood
(100 cords) for Bureau
R. F. & R. L. Sirt. Huntsville

"
Hager Swayne
Bart. Major Genl.

To
O. O. Howard
Maj. Genl.
Commissioner of
Bureau
Feb. 7 1866

O. O. Howard
Major Genl
Commr. of Bureau

To
H. M. Brown
A. L. M.

Office to

Feb. 28 1866

Respectfully referred to Mrs.
M. E. Patterson Huntsville Ala
with the information that the
Salutation for Dec. Jan. & Feb.
have not as yet been approved
or returned from Washington
Consequently there is no money
on hand to meet this obligation

Office Asst. Commr.
Bureau R. F. & R. L.
Montgomery Ala. Feb. 7 1866

Respectfully forwarded to
Major Genl. O. O. Howard Commr.
for the necessary approval.

May Dept. Bureau of R. F. & R. L.
Washington Feb. 13 1866

Respectfully Referred to Capt J. M.
Brown A. L. M.
By order of Major Genl. Howard

O. O. Howard
Major Genl. Commr.
of Bureau
To

Hager Swayne
Bart. Major Genl.
Asst. Commr.

Hager Swayne
Bart. Major Genl.
Asst. Commr.

To
Bart. Col. Callie
Supt. of Sirt. Huntsville

Col. S. B. Callie
Supt. Bureau R. F. & R. L.
Sirt. Huntsville
To

Capt. S. C. Ginnson
A. L. M. Sirt. Huntsville

Respectfully Returned
Approved

Feb. 14 1866

Office Asst. Commr.
B. R. F. & R. L.
Montgomery Feb. 23 1866

Respectfully returned
to Bart. Col. Callie

Respectfully forwarded
to Capt. S. C. Ginnson
A. L. M. Sirt. Huntsville
for his action on the within
requisition.
By order of Col. Callie

(For Connection to following page No 41.)

Refers to decision of this office in
Case Friedman W. Penny

Copy sent to Swayne through
Mem ~~Thompson~~ Rep^t while the
Case was already referred to
Same office through this office

See pag 57. for subsequent endorsement.

A. M. Goodfellow. Capt. R. P. 1st Ad
Asks for sufficient Summ^r to make
Arrestment of Eveline Dixon (Col^d)
Inmate. Building was damaged
by Soldiers

Copy returned -

From the within report there
is no reason seen why the de-
cision made under date of
Feb 10th should be ~~reversed~~
reversed - or in any manner
interfered with. Sub. Col. Callis
will see why - when this matter
was referred to this office through
a member of the House of Reps -
some farther motion was taken.

By order of

Col. Maj Gen Swayne

M. C. McKenna A. A. G.
Mont. Feb 26/66

Offia Capt. Beman R. P. 1st Ad

Dist Hunterdon Ala Nov 7. 64

Copy referred to St. King

A. A. DC Dist Hunterdon

It seems that Maj Sampson late
A. A. G. of Dist took no action
in the matter. If anything can
be done for this woman it ought
in the judgment of the late Supt.
be done

M. A. Middle

St. & Asst. Supt. in Alabama Al Callis

Refers to Case of Giers vs Goode

Ad. One Mil Div Penn.

Nashville Dec 29 1865

Maj Gen Thomas directs St. Col
M. J. Wheland to investigate &
report on the Case.

H^o One Mil Div Penn.

Nashville Tenn Jan 16. 1866

Copy returned to the St. General
Commanding inviting attention to the
enclosed report of St. Col Wheland
It appears that the Friedman Bureau
have been investigating the matter
and have decided in favor of Goode
in one instance. I think it would
be but justice to compel Mr. Goode
to return to Mr. Giers the law which
the latter has sustained at the hands
of the former. but I do not approve
the recommendation of the inspecting
officer that the U. S. should furnish
Swayne because he was cheated
by his Father in law.

Geo N Thomas

Maj Gen USA Commanding

Copy referred to Maj Gen W. Thomas
Commanding Mil Div Penn. for his action
I know Mr. Giers & am aware of the
fact that he was a refugee from
his home while that part of the
Country was in possession of
the Rebels. He was also always
ready to aid the Govt in any
(cont)

Continued

way he could,

U. S. Grant.
Lieut Genl

Nov. 10. 65

War Dept.

Bureau of R. S. & A. S.

Washington Jan 26 1866

Respy. referred to Port. Col
H. Callis Huntsville Ala whom
attention is invited to endorsements
of Lt. Gen Grant. & Maj Gen George
H. Thomas hereon

He will make a thorough investi-
gation of the circumstances in the
case & should he agree with the
conclusion arrived at by Gen Thomas
inspecting officer he is authorized
to reverse the decision of Lt.
Millard. He will report his action
to the Bureau the Port. Maj Gen
Hager Swayne asst. Commr.
State of Ala

By order of
Maj Gen Howard
Max Woodhull
asst adjt Genl

Refers to testimony of Halton
why McCaully agt. should be
removed

See page 58 for subsequent endorsement.

Col Callis Super

I cannot approve the action unless you
decide that there are just reasons why
Mr. McCaully should be removed

Respy. V. J. Mitchell

Relate to Statement of Capt J. B. B. Respy. referred to Port Maj Gen
C. J. Huntress.

Complaint against Sam Tate Pres & report. This paper was submitted
M. R. R. Refers to room for
supplies of Freedmen.

By order of Maj Gen C. Howard
Max Woodhull
A. S.

Bureau R. S. & A. S.
Feb. 26. 1866

Off asst. Comm R. S. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala March 5 1866

Respy. referred to Port Col
H. B. Callis Sup. R. S. & A. S.
at Huntsville Ala for report.
Return this paper

By order
Port Maj H. Swayne
C. Cadell Jr
Port Col & A. S.

See page 58 for subsequent endorsement.

Refers to recommendation for agts
in Ala. (3 enclosures)

Bureau R. S. & A. S.
Asst Comm. off R. S. & A. S.
Nashville Feb. 4 17th 1866
Respy. referred to Port Gen H.
Swayne asst. Comm for Ala
for information

J. E. Jacobs
Port. Lt. Col & A. S.
in the arena of asst. Comm

Continued

Off Asst. Comm^r & A. A. S.
 Montgomery Ala. Feb 8th 1866
 Resp. referred to But Col
 J. B. Ballis Supt. R. A. S.
 District Huntsville
 By order of
 But Maj Gen St. Lawrence
 C. Cadell Jr.
 A. A. S.

Refers to M. M. Guilford's application
 for appointment as Bureau at
 Bridgeport.

Mr. Guilford is an educated
 trustworthy & reliable gentleman
 A Union man in the fullest sense
 of the word & one in whom
 confidence & trust may be
 reposed. As a citizen he
 has the respect of all his
 neighbors no matter what
 their political views. I hope
 he may obtain the position
 R. H. Barnard

Asst. St. Col. U. S. A.
 Nashville Tenn.
 Feb. 4th 1866

Resp. forwarded to Maj Gen
 C. B. Fisk Comm^r
 Huntley approved

Resp. referred to Brig Gen W.
 Mayne Asst. Comm^r re Montgomery Ala
 the writer has been informed of
 this reference

J. E. Jacobs. Asst. St. Col. U. S. A.
 In absence of Asst. Comm^r

(Continued)

Refers to subpoena of parties
 in Tenn & Ala who are
 witnesses in case of St. Barnard
 108th U. S. C. I. Charged with
 defrauding the Govt. while on
 duty at Corinth Miss as
 A. A. G. M

See page 58 for subsequent documents

Resp. referred to But. Col
 J. B. Ballis. Supt. R. A. S.
 Dist of Huntsville
 By order Maj Gen St. Lawrence
 C. Cadell Jr.
 A. A. S.

Vicksburg Miss
 Feb. 27th 1866

Nashville Tenn. Mil Div 15th Div
 Feb 8th 1866

Resp. referred to Col S. Johnson
 Comdy Post. Huntsville Ala with
 request that he notify the within
 named persons and procure
 their attendance

By Command of Maj Gen Thomas
 R. Ramsey
 Post. Col. V. A. G.

Office Supt. Bureau R. A. S.
 Dist of Huntsville Ala Feb. 14. 66
 Resp. returned to Col Johnson
 Comdy Post Huntsville with the
 information that one of the witnesses
 Isaac Heron (Colored) has been found
 and is sent up with this the other
 witness Amanda Heron (Col'd)
 is at Heron's Plantation near
 Brooksville or Mason Road
 Co Miss.

H. J. Midler.

1st Lt. & Asst. Supt. R. A. S.
 in absence of Col (Cadell) Supt. R. A. S.

Refers to letter from J. M. Smith
A. A. H. saying parties subpoenaed
to appear before C. C. M. are
not entitled to transportation
but are to mileage. Long

Office Supt Bureau R.R. & L.
Sub Dist North

North Mich 14, 66
Resp. y returned to St. King
RADC Dist North.

This matter being purely militi-
ary the Bureau cannot take cogni-
zance of it. I have consulted
with the C. M. of the dist and
he agrees fully with your
decision & memo but suggests that
by telegraphing to the Adj. G. M. mil
Div I can see order for trans-
portations might be obtained

H. E. Midler

Asst. Supt. of Dist
in absence Col Callis

Refers to Case Ematcher (Colines)
Chas. White (white). appeal from
decision of A. G. Morgan Co.
to Supt Dist Huntsville.

Office Supt. R. R. & L.
Dist Huntsville Ala
Mar 11/ 1866

Resp. y returned to Asst Patton
agt. for Morgan Co. This case
was called on the appeal on
Tuesday & the plaintiff Ematcher
failing to sustain his appeal
the decision of the agt. of
Morgan Co is approved

H. Irving Midler

Asst. Supt. Dist.

Refers to Complaint of
Parthenia Robinson about
overcharge of R.R. fares &
loss of Baggage.

Resp. y referred to Mr. Millman
Supt M & CRR with request that
this matter be investigated with
regard to alleged overcharge
& referred to the proper officer
of the C & O RR for the return
of the Baggage

H. E. Midler

Asst. Supt
of Bureau

See page 65 for Continuation

See page 50 for preceding
endorsements.

Office Supt R.R. & L.
Dist of Huntsville

Huntsville Ala Mich 19th 1866

Resp. y returned to Mr. Walter Perry
whom attention is called to the endor-
sements from the Asst. Commissioner at
Montgomery Ala sustaining the de-
cision of this office made on the 14th
of Jan'y 1866. In accordance with
that decision Mr. Perry will without
delay deliver to the persons who
made the crop. The one third of
the Cotton & Fodder. The Corn & Cotton
having been delivered some time
since

By order of Col Callis
H. Irving Midler
Asst. Supt.

See page 53 for preceding endorsement

Office Supt. R. R. & A. L.
Dist. Huntsville Ala
Huntsville Mich 19th 1866
Resp. y. referred to Capt Bond
C. S. Huntsville Ala
By order of Col. Callis,
H. Irving Middle,
St. Asst. Supt.

See pages 54 & 55 for preceding
endorsements.

Resp. y. returned to H. H.
Guilford. There are no vacancies
in the district that would be
remuneration. The pay received
by Agents of Counties other than
Military Officers being merely
nominal under the present
organization of the Bureau
By order of Col. Callis
H. Irving Middle
Asst Supt.

Refers to Recommendation of
J. A. Dewey for H. H. Phillips
as agt. for Limestone Co.

Office R. R. & A. L.
Huntsville Mich 19.66
Resp. y. returned to H. H. Phillips Esq
with request that he correspond with
this office as to his willingness to
accept the office of agent of
Limestone Co. with office at
Athens Ala.
This paper to be returned.
By order of
Col. Callis
H. Irving Middle

Refers to

Recommendation as
Agent for Bureau in Morgan Co
James T. Johnson, 149th Ind. Val.

Refers to Genl. S. Houston's letter
recommending Appointment
of Agt. for Limestone Co.

Office Bureau R. R. & A. L.
Dist of Huntsville
Huntsville Ala Mich 19. 1866

Respectfully returned to James T.
Johnson late St. 149. Indiana V. I.
through the A. G. O. State Indiana
this application was not read
until the 7th of March when the
Officers required Regt was out
of service

By order of Col. Callis
H. Irving Middle
St. Asst. Supt.

Office Supt. R. R. & A. L.
Dist Huntsville
Huntsville Ala Mich 19. 66
Resp. y. returned to Geo. S. Houston
with the information that there
is no vacancy in Limestone Co
By order of Col. Callis
H. Irving Middle
St. Asst Supt.

50.
Re page 52 of preceding Indiana

Officer Supr B. R. P. & L.
Dist. Huntsville Ala
Mch 19th 1866

Copy returned to Mr. L. Williams
A. A. G. with information that
John McCallly agt. at Stevenson Ala
has been released from duty and
Mr. H. C. Webb appointed in his
place. My action in this case
is not based upon the complaint
of Mr. Walton nor any complaint
contained in these papers but
as Mr. McCallly does not wish
to retain the place and this
man Walton is continually
annoying me the office with
what I consider groundless com-
plaints I take this course to
stop his piping as it reflects
no discredit on any party
neither does it offend any
one and would seem to
please at least one or two
persons. Your attention is
called to endorsements enclosed
subsequent to the return of
papers from your office.

J. B. Callie.
Dist. Col. P. & L.

Refers to the
apprenticing of
Nancy Douglas
Colored Girl.

Refers to letter seeking
the whereabouts of Harriet
wife of Tom Christmas. (C. & L.)

51.
Copy returned to Judge
Hilse probate Judge Madison Co
~~disappeared~~

The Code of Alabama
fixes the term at 16 years when
a Girl becomes of age. The same
Code provides that the apprentice
be taught to Read Write and Cipher
as far as the rules of three.

By order of Col. Callie
H. Irving Miller
St. & Dist. Supr.

Chicago Ill Feb 23. 66
Walden J. M.
Secy H. D. A. P. & L.

Memphis Tenn Mar. 13. 66
Copy forwarded to Brig Gen Hager
Wayne Supr. P. & L. State Ala
O. E. Waters
Sfc H. T. H. C. & Supr.
Officer Asst. Commissioner
B. R. & L.

Montgomery Mch 19 1866
Copy referred to Col. J. B. Callie
Supr & Huntsville Ala, who will
please ascertain what he can in
relation to the case

Please return the papers
J. B. Callie
Dist. Col. P. & L.

over

(Continued)

Office Supr. B. R. & A. L.
Dist Huntsville Ala
Mch 23^d 1866

Ref. y referred to Lt. Col. Maj
James A. L. for Laurence Co.
These papers to be returned
W. Irving Middleton
St. Asst. Supr.

Execution

March 8th 1866

Ref. y referred to Maj Gen. O. O. Howard
Comr

By order of the President
R. Morrow
Secy.

War Dept

Bureau A. F. & A. L.

Washington Mch 9 1866

Ref. y referred to Rot. Maj Gen
H. Swayne, Asst. Commr
Montgomery, Ala

By order of O. O. Howard
Commis^r & c
Wm Dowling
A. Asst. Gen

(Forward)

Refers to Geo D. Taylors letter to
President Johnson in behalf of
Mrs M. E. Patton, in regard
to Building used as Hospital.
A. F. & A. L. Huntsville A.

(Brothford)

Office Asst Comr^r
B. R. & A. L.

Montgomery also Mch 14. 66

Ref. y referred to Col J. B. Ellis
Supr. & Huntsville Ala for report
Please return these papers

By order of
Lt. Maj Gen W. Swayne
C. Badle Jr
Asst.

Office Supr. Bureau A. F. & A. L.
Dist Huntsville Ala
Mch 23^d 1866

Ref. y returned to Col C. Badle
Asst. On assuming charge of the
Dist I found the within mentioned
Building in use as a Hospital for
Refugees & Freedmen and the rent
fixed at \$30 per month by my pre-
decessor. I am satisfied that the build-
ing is worth \$50 per mo in view of
the prices for tenements of all kinds &
shall in my next estimate ask for
an increase of \$20. but beg leave
to retain the building as indispensable
for the present. The only reason why
the rent was not paid for the mo
changed was because there was
no one here to sign a proper
Voucher for the same. The owner
residing in Marshall Co. a small
and distant from the place

cont^d

place with no mail communication. Vouchers have been sent to her for her signature through our agent for Marshall County which when returned will be forwarded to Rec & Dist. Office for payment under the estimate.

Genl Ballis
 Bnt Col M L
 Capt. Dick

Refer to the destitution of Marshall County & requesting an increase amount of issues for that County.

Office Supt R & D L
 Supt Dist Huntsville Ala
 Mch 26th 1866

Reply referred to Maj Gen Swayne & requests instructions at the earliest possible moment

Sig. Genl Ballis
 Bnt Col of Supt Dist

Huntsville Ala
 Mch 28th 1866

Reply returned to Col Ballis Supt Freedmens Bureau.

I do not deny in the least that the case in question is clearly of a Military Character. But under my instructions, I cannot interfere in any manner. Genl Woods County Dept. told me very plainly that cases of this nature are to be controlled solely by the Freedmens Bureau, consequently I have no discretionary power in the premises.

See letters sent No. 486

Refer to letter written to Col Johns in behalf of

Charles Swine
 Case of ownership of a Horse.

See page 59 for preceding evidence
 Mch.

Reply returned to Chas S Williams. The Baygap master at this time states that it was returned to Deatur-brown and returned to this place the third time and that he delivered it to two women who presented a letter from the within named party authorizing them to take charge of the property and that he delivered it to them, one of them representing herself as sister of the within named party.

Stone Card.

Howard Baygap master
 Train # 44 Mch 15th

Rugh agh.

Reply returned to St. Nicholas - And as the Road did not change the complainant more than is customary - I have investigated the matter.

Chas S Williams
 A. S. Williams

Refers to Letter from Charles
Gibson Probate Judge of Lawrence
County regarding E. S. Darby's
appointment by Commissioner
Court as agt. for said County.
Also, E. S. Darby's letter
accompanying.

Office Bureau R. A. & L.
Dist. Huntsville Ala
March 30th 1866.

Respectfully returned.

The General Government
having ordered the distribution of rations
to the destitute white & Black. Under in-
structions from Gen. Maj Genl. Swanwick Asst.
Commissioner of Bureau for this State.
I am authorized to issue 5000 rations per day
in my district comprising the 13 Counties
of North Alabama. Mr. Quicksilver was appoin-
ted on the part of the State to report to the
Bureau the probable no in each County needing
rations. Upon receiving his report I issued rations
based upon his figures to the several Counties.
Subsequent reports and estimates from our
Agents change very materially Mr. Quicksilver's
figures - they being in some Counties too high
and in some, too low. I have consequently been
compelled to discard his figures and am
now guided by the estimate from the different
agents in making the issues.
In every instance I have sent the supplies
for the different Counties regularly to a regular
appointed agent of the Bureau who has been
instructed to co-operate with the Judge of
his County in supplying the destitute.
Agents are held responsible for reports of
issues, and no other persons could be, and
I am held responsible to the Asst. Commr.
of the Bureau, and I can recognize

Refers to letter from S. E.
Kavanaugh asking
instructions in settling
different his &c

no other in making and reporting these
issues. Gen. Maj Jones is the authorized
agent of the Bureau for Lawrence Co and
to him ample supplies have been sent
with orders to co-operate heartily with
the Probate Judge of Lawrence Co. and
to see that every portion of the County is
supplied and to him you are resp. y
referred.

Wm B. Hallis

Settled Dec. # 453 & 454 Dist. Col & Supr.

Office Supr R. A. & L.
Huntsville - April 3rd 1866

Reply returned to S. E. Kavanaugh
with information that it was my in-
struction for you to act in such cases
taking evidence without distinction of
color, if the Contract has been recorded
this office & is properly made out you will
make the man go back & comply
with his former Contract. No contract
is binding with Freedman until it
is recorded here or by regular Co.
Agents in the County where the case
arises

Wm B. Hallis

Refers to letter written by Mr
Shapard to President W.D. and
handed to Col. Ballis with
request that it be sent through
proper channels to Washington.
It is a request for an order
to issue 75 Bush. Corn & 250 lbs
Bacon to some 30 persons at
Guntersville Ala.

Refers to letter of introduction from
Super. J. N. Elliott, presenting Louis
Mayach, Esq. who is soliciting
aid for the destitute of Marshall
County Ala.

Office Supt. R.R. & A.G.
Huntsville Ala

Apr 2^o 1866

Respy forwarded to Maj Gen Swayne
with the suggestion that as the destitution
in that section is beyond description
it would seem to be recommended the
within document to more than ordinary
probable consideration by the Authority.

Please forward to Gen Howard with
request to return papers with the
action of the President endorsed
Jno B. Ballis
But Co & ship.

Office Supt. R.R. & A.G.
Huntsville. Apr 2^o 1866

I have read the within letter and
from my own knowledge know the statements
therein contained to be true. And I
take pleasure in recommending his
application for relief for his destitute
neighbors to more than ordinary favorable
consideration of the public.
Jno B. Ballis
Supt.

Endowment put on a pkg
with 8 inclosures comprising
the whole papers of Case
Billy Lowe

vs.
Barthle & Henderson.

Office Supt. R.R. & A.G.
Huntsville Ala

Apr 2^o 1866.

Respy referred to Maj Gen Swayne and
Commissioner for Ala. with reference
to enclosed papers. A careful perusal
of same is solicited. Also his orders in
relation to mode of procedure in the
Collection of judgments in such cases.
in Cases where the parties refuse to pay.
this Case has not been appealed from
my decision. I merely send the papers
for your approval or disapproval of the
decision and for orders in Collection
in such Cases.

The jurisdiction of
the Court in this Case has not been
denied. both parties agreeing to try
it before me. please return these
papers with orders in the Case
Jno B. Ballis
Supt.

Refers to the destitution of
Marshall County. And a
petition for an increase of
rations for said County and
take liens upon their crops.

Suprs office R.R. & A.S.
Huntsville, Mich 25th 1866
Refers referred to Bt. Maj. Gen. Swayne
& requests instruction at the earliest
possible moment

Jno B. Ballis
Bt. Col & Supt. Dist.

Office Asst. Commr.
R.R. & A.S.
Chattanooga, Apr 2nd 1866

Refers returned, stores cannot be
furnished planters and liens taken
on crops therefore
the supply of rations
for the Cherokee District cannot be increased
By order of Maj. Gen. Swayne
B. Ballis Jr.
Asst.

Office Supt.

Huntsville Apr 7th 1866
Refers forwarded to Capt. Elliott Asst.
R.R. & A.S. Huntsville. Attention is
invited to above endorsement
please forward to Judge May
Jno B. Ballis
Bt. Col & Supt.

Refers to letter from Mrs
Elizabeth M. Martin in
relation to her daughter

Suprs office
Apr 10th 1866
Refers to Capt. Elliott Asst.
for Marshall Co. who will act on
the matter

Jno B. Ballis
Bt. Col & Supt.

Refers to letter of T. M. Good
fellow to Col. Cadell Asst.
in regard to the taking of
a Revolver from Col. d
Boy named Simon Smith

Office Supt.
R.R. & A.S.
Huntsville Apr 12th 1866
Refers forwarded to Col. Cadell Asst.
Montgomery Ala. Refers to complaint for-
warded already from this office and
Smiths version of the matter
J. B. Ballis
Bt. Col & Supt.

Refers to letter to John
O'Neil claim. right
in regard to claiming
of Aaron & James Moore

Nashville Apr 14th 1866
Refers returned with information
that the records of this office fail
to produce the names of either Aaron
or James Moore. I have one claim
in favor of Mary A. Moore for the
years re of her son Jordan Moore
late of Co. 17th U.S.C.T.

Very truly
yours
John O.'Neill

74
Refers to a report of
S N Moore & Maj Gen
Swaine that persons
are drawing rations in
Huntsville who are
able to work, but will
not.

75
office next door?
Montgomery Apr 23 46

Reply referred to Col J B Hallis
Supt. R R A & A S for investigation
and report.

By order of
Rt Maj Gen Swaine
& D Kinman
Rt Maj & A. G.

office Supt. R R A & A S
Huntsville May 1st 46

Reply returned with information
that Mr. Moore came to this
office and tried to get the
power of the Bureau to force a
negro woman to go to "Miss"
against her will claiming
that he was once his slave &
her so called husband was
still with him. They had never
been married, but had lived
together. I told him that I
did not propose to encourage
this kind of prostitution and
would take no action in the
matter. The letter is without
foundation in truth.

J. B. Hallis
Supt

Report of report of
Buildings occupied
by the 40th U.S.C. &
March
1866.

Sn. Post. Dr. Wash. office

Dist of Huntsville

Huntsville Ala March 17, 1866

Respy forwarded to Col M. D. Wickliffe
Chf Dr. Mr. Dept. Ala.

Jno. C. Grimes.

Chf Dr. Mr. D. & of A,
Mobile apt 9, 1866.

Respy forwarded to the Dr. Mr. Genl. the
office of Chf Dr. Mr. Mil Div of Tenn
Having personally examined the various
structures enumerated & described within
I recommend that such as may be re-
quired by the small garrison remaining
at Bridgeport be retained, the remainder
sold at public auction after due notice
The lumber would not pay cost of trans-
portation elsewhere.

M. D. Wickliffe

Col & 2 M.

Head Drs. Mil Div of the Army

Chf Dr. office

Paducah Tenn apt 15, 66

Respy forwarded to the Quartermaster
Genl. also recommended.

J. L. Donaldson

Bt. Maj. Gen &

Chf Dr. Mr. Wash.

Recy referred to Maj Gen Howard
Commission of the Bureau of
A. L. for remark. Will any of
the buildings herein specified be
required by the Bureau of Refugees
Freedmen & A. L.

By order of J. M. Gen
J. J. Dana
Col.

Washington
Apr 23 1866

Rt Brig Genl

War Dept. R. R. A. L.
Washington Apr 25. 66

Recy referred to Rt. Maj Gen Gaynes
Asst. Comm. to know if any of the buildings
are required for use of the Bureau.

By order of
Maj Gen Howard
Max Woodhull
A. L. G.

Office Asst. Commissioner
R. R. A. L.

Montgomery Apr 30. 1866

Recy referred to Col John B. Callie
Supt. for investigation & report.

By order of
Rt. Maj Gen Montgomery
O. D. Kinman
A. L. G.

Officer Sept. B. C. A. C.
Dist. Arthur also
Huntsville May 5. 1866
Raspy returned to Bt. Maj. Conner
with information that the building
used as a Commissary Depot at
Bridgport Ala will be needed
by the Bureau for the purpose of
storing cotton for the Institute as
that is a place of storage for a
fire house will be indispensable
Jno D. Wells
Bt. Col. 1st Regt. Dist.

Refer to letter of
inquiry in regard
to name of Capt
of Co D. 17th U.S. I.
Wm. C. Pat.
Nashville March 26. 66
Raspy returned
Hatcher E. March is
Capt of Co D 17th U.S. I.
H R Shafter
Col 17th U.S. I.
Comd'g Post.

Nashville, Tenn
April 9th 1866

Refers to pension Col J B Wallis
claim of

Thomas Davidson

Sir

With respect I return this with information that the pension claim of Thomas Davidson has been forwarded from this office since June 30. 66 has not yet been allowed. I am in hopes his claim will soon be allowed as I am beginning issuing checks in favor of old soldiers.

Very truly

Yours obt servant
John O'Neill

Nancy Mankie
claim her child

Office B.R.F. & L. Huntsville Ala
May 22. 1866.

Respectfully referred to L. A. Tenge
Agent for Lauderdale Co. who will
get on the within case, and report
action to this office.

Sept.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
May, 22, 1866.

Letter Sawyer
claim protection
for Col's people.
at Decatur Ala.

Returned to Letter Sawyer with
the information that since the
withdrawal of the troops we must
depend on the Civil Courts for pro-
tection for these people. The
removal of the troops disarms
you.

Respectfully

Col & Supt.

Refers to claim of
Cyrus Harris - letter
from this office.

Office Supt B.R.S. & A.L.
Madison Tenn May 25th 1866

Respectfully returned to Col Geo B.
Ballis with the information that no claim
for Cyrus Harris Co "I" 15th U.S.C.S. has been
made up or forwarded from this office.
John Lawrence
Supt Davidson Co

Refers to case of
Baker vs Baker and
McConnell -

Office Bureau Henderson May 26th
Respectfully returned to Lieut O.S. Moore
presuming it has been sent here through
mistake.

Geo B Ballis
Col & Supt

Refers to Letter from
a Mrs E Sims, asking
for rations &c

Office Bureau Huntsville May 28.66

Respectfully referred to Mr Paxson
agent B.R.P. & A.D. Blount Co, who
will investigate this case and act
thereon in accordance with orders
hereby issued by circulars & letters
in which he is ordered to issue to
the destitute only.

Jno B. Ballis
Capt. Supt.

Case of Alex Harris who
applied to one Compant
to make out his claim -
Letter from Bob Leellis
inquiring as to where
abouts of said Compant.

Bureau B.R.P. and A. Land's

Off. Asst Commissioner

Huntsville Tenn 25th May 1866

Respectfully returned to Bob
Leellis J. B. Ballis Supt H. at Huntsville
Ala. with information that J. S.
Compant has left the city and his
present whereabouts are not known.
His reputation as an agent is
not good -

By order of Genl Fisk
Asst Comd Ky & Tenn
H. S. Brown
Alls.

Office B.R.P. and A.D.
Huntsville Ala May 29. 1866

Refers to
Letter from A. Worley
Patterson, who reports
that one King, late of
the Rebel Army has
surrendered in
force and name named
Taylor Harris, without
excuse or provocation

See page 105

Respectfully referred to Provst
Major O'Leahan Comd Post of
Huntsville, with a request that a
detachment of troops be dispatched
at the earliest possible moment
with orders to arrest the within named
J. H. King. Similar complaints to the
within render it necessary that the
military authorities interfere in the
matter. The civil authorities seem to
agree the idea that the Freedmen are
entitled to the protection of law. Re-
turn these papers with report of ac-
tion.

Jno B. Ballis
Asst Comd Supt

Asst Comd Post of Huntsville
Huntsville Ala May 29, 1866

Refers to Case of
Leell King (Rebel)

See page 105

Respectfully returned to Bob Leellis
Jno. B. Ballis with informing that a
copy of the papers have been
forwarded to ^{the} Asst Major Genl Comdg
the Dept for his decision.

Wm B. O'Leahan
Capt 15th Inf. Asst Major
Comdg Post

Letter from
John Hollingsworth -
Refers to outrages of
one J. H. King. Late
of the Rebel Army.

Letter from H. H. Davis.
to A. W. Patterson -
Refers to villainous
conduct of J. H. King
late of the rebel army.

Letters of Hollingsworth
and Davis -
Referring to King

Office Agent Freedmen's Bureau
Decatur Ala May 30th 1866
Respectfully referred to Col Jno B.
Ballis, Supt Dist Huntsville.
I am personally acquainted with
Mr Hollingsworth and his statements
may be relied on as correct.
A. Worley Patterson.
Ag't F. B. - Morgan Co.

Office Agent Freedmen's Bureau
Decatur Ala May 30, 1866.
Respectfully referred to Col Jno B.
Ballis, Supt Dist Huntsville.
I know the within, and his state-
ments can be relied on.
A. Worley Patterson
Ag't F. B. - Morgan Co.

Office Bureau Huntsville May 31. 66
Referred, with other papers on the
same case, to Major Bechtel, Comd's
Post Huntsville.
Jno B. Ballis
Supt F. B. F & A Co

Letter from Tusculum
Refers to outrages com-
mitted by J. H. Green
Agent Freedmen's
Bureau

Act between
A. W. Patterson and
Small Fox Hosp.

Office B. R. F & A Co.

Huntsville Ala June 2 1866

Respectfully referred to J. B. Green
who will correct these ~~errors~~ com-
plaints of and promptly report
his action to this office, with state-
ments of satisfaction signed by
the parties injured.
Return these papers with report.
Jno B. Ballis
Col & Supt

Office Agent Freedmen's Bureau
Decatur Ala May 30. 66
The within act of 190⁰⁰ was cash
actually paid by myself. I estab-
lished the Hospital under the orders of
Col Ballis, there being but one Surgeon &
one Hospital in the District, and the
small fox prevailed at Decatur to
such an extent, he found it ne-
cessary to establish one there - It
was entirely devoted to the sick
Respectfully
A. Worley Patterson
Ag't F. B. for
Morgan Co

Office Supt B. R. F & A Co Huntsville Ala
Huntsville Ala June 4, 1866
Respectfully forwarded to Maj Genl Swanson
with recommendation that the within
Bill be allowed.
Jno B. Ballis
Col & Supt

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W. Simmons —
Complains of a cer-
tain boy who has
left him while owing
some 40 or 50 dollars

Refers to the
Bulmer Case

Respectfully referred to C. Mordley,
Postroom at Barran, as location.
Yours & Louis.
Lul & Dupt

Office Bureau R & A L. Montreal June 8.16

Office Bureau Huntville June 8.66
Respectfully referred to
Jno H. Ground These people will be
paid for their labor -
Jno Bodcall's

Relates to African
Church of North-
ville -

Respectfully forwarded to Major C. J. ...
 I say he for his official notice in the in-
 formation that it is my opinion that
 cross injustice has been done these colored
 people in this matter & I think the unjust
 action was prompted by a hatred toward
 the Freedmen, and a desire to supplant
 the northern people in their laudable
 efforts to elevate the Freedmen by a proper
 course of education and moral instruction.
 I sincerely hope the building ^{may} be restored
 to the Free Church & school purposes.
 I am personally acquainted with
 the parties whose names are signed to
 the notice & know they are what
 they represent themselves to be -
 Yours &c. Geo. B. Lewis

Head Quarters of Alabama
Montgomery June 23. 1866

Respectfully returned to Bir. Genl J. B. Collins
who will place the colored congregation repre-
sented by Howard, Echols & others in pos-
sion of the church & all that they have
possession until ousted by the law
The officers kindly let Forces at Minn-
sota, will furnish the necessary force
By order of
Maj. Genl. S. W. Taylor
Wm. H. H. H. H.
Wm. H. H. H. H.
Wm. H. H. H. H.

Letter from one Large
Citizen at Gruntersville
Va to Genl Thomas, Com-
plaining of certain unpun-
ished outrages committed
in his section, and asking
for protection

Office Bureau

Huntsville Ala. June 20/66

Respectfully returned with the information that the facts set forth in the written letters, as to the murder of Knight and also as to the statements in regard to Goot Arms are true. But in my judgment this man Lange is not the man to correct these evil complaints of. I have endeavored to correct some of these troubles in Nov. ad., but, without Military force, my efforts were fruitless.

There is but one Comp. of Troops at Houl-
ville, and one at Bridgeport both of
whose Com^d Officers claim to be under
orders, only to guard Govt Property, and
that they are not subject to other details.
Details have consequently been denied me
and that to by officers of inferior grade.
If I am expected to correct these evils,
a few bayonets must be placed under
my command: for the Civil Law is
in itself, little - totally worthless and
unoperative in many cases.

imp. a 20.
 No. 2. 1841.
 Col. 1. 1841.

Office B.R.S. & ad

Huntville July 6. 1866

Respectfully forwarded to Mr. Sen.
Wagner for his information
Jno. B. Ellis
Col & Surg

Letter from
B. B. Sigler, Secretary
to Emil Donaldson
for information as
to loyalty of Benj.
Snodgrass & Lottsbom
Alabama.

442 216 Mil. Div. Tenn. Inf. Regt. 1st
1. ' Nashville Tenn. June 9. 66

Respectfully referred to Col. W. H. S.
Wickersham chf. of Dept of the South
Macon Ga for investigation report
J. L. Donaldson
Bot. Maj. Gen.
chf. of the U. S. A.

H^o Drs Dept South ch 2nd office
Macon July 3. 1866

Respectfully referred to Major Genl Vager
Swaine Comdg Dist of Ala, with request
that he have returned herewith the
information required

By Command of
B. H. M. J. Lee. C. R. Woods
A. R. Ramsey, Wininger?
Capt. T. A. A. J.

Had Drs visit Ala
Montgomery Ala July 5. 66.

Respectfully referred to Bot level Jms
B Ballis Supt at Huntsville Ala for
investigations and report. The town
referred to is in Jackson Co.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Hager & Wayne
O. H. Kinsman
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

In I.R. page 294

Letter from St
Jennings to W. W.

Memorandum. relating
to interview with Capt
Reynolds - concerning
29 May 68

Letter of Genl
Cramer late of
1st Fed Ala Cav. re-
questing appt of
Lt Wm. L. L. as
Agt Bureau for
Morgan Co. Ala.

H.O. Dns. Dist Ala
Montgomery Ala July 6. 1866

Respectfully referred to Genl J.B.
Calkins. Genl Cramer's recommend-
ation is worthy of confidence.

G. Calkins Jr
Butler & Co. Ag.

See I.R. page 200

Letter from Genl
Jno B. Calkins to Major
S. J. Leitch A. G. M.
Washington D.C.

Office A. G. M. U.S. Army R. R. Ds
Washington July 6. 1866

Refers to case of
Peter Sample who
claims arrears of
pay from the 2nd
Sept.

Respectfully forwarded to Genl M.B.
Misp 2nd Genl. U.S. Army. The
name of Peter Sample, colored
labored, appears on the form
No 8 for Feb 1865 of H. J. Thomas
Genl Supt Mil R. R. Ds. Running

No. 9394 with pay due for
three days at \$1.75 per day.
If any other time is due
this man, it may be reported
on the rolls of Capt W.R. Hopkins
again.

F. J. Leitch
Butler & Co. Ag.

Refers to
same

20th. Genl's Office
Washington D.C.
July 10. 1866

Respectfully returned to Butler
Jno B. Calkins Supt Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Dist. of North Ala.
Huntsville Ala, and attention
invited to enclosed copy of
Memorandum of Instructions
This letter to be returned
with claim.

By order, J. M. Seal
Alex. Bly
Ch. Secy. I. R. D. S.
In chge 4th Div.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala July 17. 66

Respectfully returned with the
information that I have no
blanks for such cases. They
must do the best they can
to reach their friends, who should
reach them.

Jno B. Calkins Supt

Office Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Huntsville July 17. 1866

Returned: there is no record
of your diary papers in
this office. You must learn

Letter from
Jno M. Calkins at
Stevenson asking
transportation for
two negro families
to their homes

Letter from
John O. Calkins ask-
ing for two
tickets

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from some officers of the Regt
to which you belonged, what
disposition was made of
those papers, after getting
which you can make out
your claims at the Bureau
at your
Co. Yours to
Jno B. Leull's
Capt. Supt

Letter from Dr
Kipp Col. Leull's,
transmitting letter to
J. B. Griffins Athens
Ga.

Office Bureau Huntsville Ala
July 12th 1866

Referred to James Sanford Athens
who will endeavor to find the man
named within, and report success
to this office, returning Athens
paper

Jno B. Leull's
Capt. Supt

Office Bureau Athens July 18. 66
Returned.

But I have the honor to
respectfully report that I enclosed
in finding J. B. Griffins and delivered
to him this day the letter re com-
pensing this package.
J. Sanford
Capt

S. B. Leull's

(18-5) 6400-100

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Letter from R. D. Sacy
Capt. T. Dist. Co.

Asks information of the
whereabouts of Sandy and
James Leull's

Respectfully forwarded to Capt. Sacy. O
Brown & S. M. M.

R. D. Sacy
Capt. T. Dist. Co.

War Department

Bu of Ref. Fraud & Lands Washington

P. O. July 13th 1866

Respectfully referred to, Sub. Comm. of Alabama
for the desired information.

By order of

Maj. Gen. O. C. Howard

A. P. Kitchum

A. D. H. Genl

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.

Head Quarters, Dist. Comm. Dist. Va.

Richmond Va. July 11th 1866

Respectfully forwarded thro. Maj. Genl.
O. C. Howard Commissioner to the Dist. Comm.
State of Alabama.

A. Fred. H. Terry

Maj. Genl. & Dist. Comm.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery July 15th 1866

Respectfully referred to Capt. Col. J. C. Ballis Capt. R. F.
& S. Dist. of Huntsville Ala. for the desired information

By order of

Maj. Gen. Major General

J. C. Ballis Jr.

A. D. H. Genl

W. D. S. Capt. Supt.

Sandy and Joanna
Christian

Office Bureau R F & A S Dist North Ala
Montgomery Ala July 21 1865

Respectfully referred to Jno B Sparks
agent Bureau & R F & A S, who will in-
vestigate the within case and report
accordingly. Return these papers
with endorsement without delay.

Jno B Sparks
Agent & Supt

Letter relating to one
J. B. Suttell who asks for
assistance

Executive July 5 1865.
Letter of J. B. Suttell near Lebanon Tennessee Richard
Baker and Reliquie applied for assistance.

Respectfully referred to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comdr.

By order of the President
B. Morrow
Secretary

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C. July 1865.

Respectfully referred to Dist. Commissioner of Ala.

By order of
Maj. O. O. Howard
A. B. Kitchen
A. B. W. Hall

second assistant
of Dist. Com.
James H. H.

Let. gen. J. B. Suttell

Local Quarter Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery July 14 1865.

Respectfully referred to Col. Jno B. Ballie Supt. B.
R. F. & A. S. Monticello for such action as he
may deem proper.

By order of
Maj. Gen. Wm. B. Swanwick
J. B. Ballie Jr.
Act. Col. B. R. F. & A. S.

On S. R. B. 306.

Letter relating to one
book who murdered a
negro at Pecos Co.

Bureau R. F. and A. S. Bonds
State of Tennessee
Dist. Com. of Nashville July 27 1865

Respectfully referred to Dist. Maj. Gen. W. Swanwick
Dist. Commissioner Alabama at Montgomery
Alabama for his information.

(Signed) Winston O. Fick
Act. Maj. Gen. Dist. Com.

Local Quarter Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery July 26 1865

Respectfully referred to Act. Col. Jno B. Ballie Supt.
for investigation and report.

By order of
Maj. Gen. Wm. B. Swanwick
J. B. Ballie Jr.
Act. Col. B. R. F. & A. S.

On S. R. B. 311.

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Office Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Pvt. Dr. Ala. Huntsville Ala. Aug. 2nd 1866.
Respectfully referred to G. B. Cheate Agent R. F. &
A. S. Morgan for investigation and report, as soon as practicable
John O. Wallis
Act. Col. & Capt.
R. F. & A. S.

One (1) Enclosure. Du S. R. P. 371.

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Enclosure of letter received
from Julius W. Rogers about

States he was a soldier in a 4th Alabama Col
regt. and has been wounded 6 times sent to his home near
Pascumbur Ala. but found that his house, ^{belonging} ~~burned~~ and his
stock appropriated by Rebels - wants military assistance
to enable him to recover his property, as he cannot return
because the Rebels will soon return &c.

Says Mr. John H. Green who is the Quartermaster at Pas-
cumbur is doing things today - selling notions to rebels &c
and soldiers of Union men cannot get any.

Bureau R. F. and A. S. Sands
Act. Com. Office Huntsville July 29th 1866.
Respectfully referred to the Act. Com. State of Alabama
It is supposed that the enclosed letter was sent to this office by
mistake.

J. H. Parris
Act. Major Genl. W. B. T. S.
Act. Com. State of Ky.

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Head Quarters 1st Div. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 2nd 1866.
Respectfully referred to Act. Col. John O. Wallis for
investigation and report.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wm. B. T. S.
O. P. Simmons
A. A. Hall

Office Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala Aug 4. 1866

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Respectfully returned to But Maj Genl. Swaine
with the information, that so far as regards the
redress of grievances complained of within, I am
utterly powerless. If I am expected to guard the
interests of the negro, secure them in the exercise
of his rights and privileges, restore property when
stolen or appropriated, mete out justice to thieves,
robbers and murderers, and nameless other
things I must have and demand the military
power to do it. As I am now situated, I have
not a single bayonet with which to enforce any
measures I may think it necessary and ex-
pedient to adopt, and as the military juris-
diction is ignored - even though I had, and
the civil authorities, so far as the negro is con-
cerned being a dead letter; and the fact of the
opposition with which I have to contend, I can
do nothing.

So far as the allegations against Mr
Jno H. Green are concerned, I have this to say;
although not giving me entire satisfaction

Progr's continued

he has nevertheless proven himself to be an efficient Agent of the Bureau; and from what I believe of his administration of its affairs I feel safe in assuring you that this man Roger's statement is an exaggeration. Green has a community of the bitterest rebels to contend with, and it is to be expected he will not please every body.

Hoping this statement may prove satisfactory. I remain

Very Respectfully to
Jno B Leellis.
Bottellist-Supt

Lindsay David R.
Editor Florence Journal

Wd Des Dist Alabama
Montgomery Aug 4. 1866

Goodwin F. B.
Editor Alabama
Recommend retention
of Jno. H. Green as Agent
Bureau for Franklin Co

Respectfully referred to Bot Leel
Jno B Leellis, Supt B. R. S. and Lib
Huntsville Ala.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swann
O. P. Kinsman.
A. A. B.

Enc. 2. 11. pages 522 & 523.

Endorsements on letter
from A. G. Satter of
Spartanburg Ala.

Head Quarter Mil. Div. Tenn.
Nashville Tenn. June 27 1866.

Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. C. C. Woodcock Comdg
Dist. of the South Western Va.

By command of
Maj. Genl. Thomas
Genl. W. Howard
Act. Adjt. Genl.

Head Qtr. Dist. of the South
Waco Va. July 1st 1866.

Respectfully referred to Act. Maj. Genl. Fillmore Comdg Va.
for investigation and report.

By command of
Maj. Genl. Woods
A. Ramsey Act. A. A. H.

Head Qtr. Dist. of Georgia
Augusta Ga. July 27 1866.

Respectfully referred to Department Hd. Qtr. There is probably
some mistake in the reference of this paper to the undersigned.

Paris Fillmore
Act. Maj. Genl. Comdg Dist.
Act. Genl.

Head Quarter Dist. of the South
Waco Va. July 8 1866.

Respectfully referred to the Comdg Genl. Dist. of Alabama for
investigation and report. These papers to be returned with report.

By command of
Act. Maj. Genl. Woods
A. Ramsey A. A. H.

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Montgomery July 7th 1866

Respectfully referred to Col. W. B. Hallie Capt. at Huntsville Ala. for investigation and report.

By order

Wm. H. Hays Surgeon

C. F. Lumsden

A. A. York

Office Capt. J. R. F. and Adjutant Genl. Huntsville Ala. Aug. 15th 1866.

Respectfully returned to Maj. Wm. Hays, Surgeon, Comd. Post, Alabama with the information that the within representations of J. R. F. Lumsden of Jackson Co. are true. Many similar complaints have been made to me, but I know of no man at my command who could connect them.

John B. Hallie

Capt. and Adj.

C. F. and C. S.

Dec. 2, 1866.

2nd Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala Aug 5th 1866

Respectfully returned for correction and completion. The "aggregate last report" must be the same as "aggregate first report"; the difference accounted for.

You do not report cost of rations issued to 2nd class. If rations were issued to 2nd class, the number and estimated cost must be reported. It is requested that this be returned as soon as possible.

Report of Rations for July.

(18-6) 01001-100

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Letter from

Letter from R. T. Hallie

Not asking information as to the whereabouts of J. M. Goodfellow

Goodfellow

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Letter from

Chas. P. McEnaney, asking information as to whereabouts of a certain man, latter girl named Rossanna -

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Endorsement

Office Bureau Asst. Commissioner.

Nashville Tenn. Aug. 13. 1866

Respectfully referred to the Super. B. R. F. & A. L. at Huntsville Ala with the request that he furnish the desired information if possible.

Clinton B. Fisk

But. May Gen. Asst. Com.

Office B. R. F. & A. L.

Huntsville Ala Aug. 16. 1866.

Respectfully returned to R. T. Hallie, below this, with the information that the address of Mr. J. M. Goodfellow is Courtland, Lawrence Co. Ala.

John B. Hallie.

Subst. & Super. Dist.

B. R. F. & A. L. Office Asst. Com.

Nashville Tenn. Aug. 14. 1866

Respectfully referred to the Super. Bureau B. R. F. & A. L. at Huntsville Ala with the request that he furnish the desired information if possible.

Clinton B. Fisk

But. May Gen.

Office Bureau. Huntsville Aug. 16. 1866

Respectfully referred to John B. Green Agent Bureau at Tusculum, Tenn. if possible obtain the desired information and forward the same to this office without delay.

John B. Hallie

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Letter from

Endorsement

No 2nd Div Tenn.

Memphis Tenn July 28, 1866

E. Williams
Sergeant of
Leesburg, Tenn.
Reals -
Relating to
property taken
from him -
also justice.

Respectfully referred to to But Maj. Genl
Woods who will see that justice is done into
the author of the enclosed letter. Any in-
formation in regard to him can be
procured from Mr H. S. Cole at Marietta Ga
By Command of Maj. Genl Thomas.
R. W. Johnson
B. B. L. & P. W. L.

Hd Qrs Dept of the South Macm Ga
Aug. 1. 1866

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Respectfully referred to the comd'g officer
Dist of Ga for an immediate inves-
tigation and report. These papers to be
returned with report.

By Command of Maj. Genl Woods
A. Ramsey Minger
But Lt Col. A. A. G.

Hd Qrs Dist Ga Augusta Ga Aug 2, 1866

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Respectfully referred to Capt Geo R Walbridge
A. A. G. for investigation & report as indi-
cated in S. O. No 27 from these Hd Qrs.

By Command But Maj Gen Tilsen
W. W. Dean
But Maj. A. A. G.

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Respectfully referred to But Maj. W. W.
Dean A. A. G. and attention invited to
enclosed report.

Geo R. Walbridge
Capt. A. A. G.

Hd Qrs Dist Ga Augusta Ga Aug 9, 1866

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Respectfully referred to Dept Hd Qrs
with report of Capt Walbridge A. A. G.
enclosed.

W. W. Dean
But Maj. A. A. G.

Hd Qrs Dept of the South Macm Ga. Aug 10, 1866

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Respectfully referred to comd'g officer Dist
of Ala for an immediate investigation &
report.

By Command of But Maj Gen Woods
A. Ramsey Minger
But Lt Col. A. A. G.

Hd Qrs Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala Aug 13, 1866

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Respectfully referred to But Col J. B. Callis
Supt at Huntsville who will send Lieut G. D.
Jennings V. B. to Leesburg to investigate &
make full report on the entire case.

By order of
Maj. Gen Hager Swaine
G. W. Kinman
A. A. G.

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Letter from
William Fowler
A. A. H.

Head Quarter Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Aug. 18 1866

Respectfully returned to Col. L. J. Ballie Capt at Huntsville
By order of

Major Wm. H. Wayne
O. P. Kinnaman
A. A. H.

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Endorsement
of letter from Wm.
O. H. Emally for
asking for information
in reference to same

Office Bureau R. F. and A. S.

Huntsville Ala. Aug. 25 1866

Respectfully returned to Col. Wm. H. Pick with inclosed
communication from Agent Bureau at Tusculum.

Jno. A. Ballie
Col. L. J. Ballie and
Capt. L. J. Ballie

Endorsement in
letter to P. L. Fountain
in regard to E. Williams

Office Bureau R. F. and A. S.

Huntsville Ala. August 24 1866

Respectfully referred to P. L. Fountain Agent R. F. and
A. S. for further info. who will investigate the facts in the
within case and report to this office, returning these papers

Jno. A. Ballie
Col. L. J. Ballie and
Capt. L. J. Ballie

Endorsement on
letter relative to one
Tyne Proke mu-
ndee.

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Office Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Aug. 24 1866

Respectfully returned to Maj. O. P. Kinnaman A. A. H. with
the information that from advice I have obtained in
the within case, I am satisfied that Tyne Proke and
his accomplices ought to be arrested, but I respectfully
submit, that as I am an officer without ^{troops} and as such am
not included in General order No. 44. Head Quarter of the Army
current series, and as there is an officer in command of troops
on duty at this Post, and as such included in said order
I do not deem it advisable for me to be the active instrument
in the arrest, but respectfully recommend that the commanding
Officer of the troops at Huntsville be instructed to arrest the murderers.

Jno. A. Ballie
Col. L. J. Ballie and
Capt. L. J. Ballie

Endorsement on
letter from S. L. Dwyer
in regard to one
R. D. Linnachow.

Head Qr. Dist. of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Aug. 24 1866

The control of branded animals in the prosecutions
of citizens of this State being valid in the assistant born
the Capt. of the Bureau at Huntsville will cause the animal
referred to be transferred to its original owner. The commanding
officer of the troops at Huntsville will furnish any detail that
may be called for

By order of
Major Wm. H. Wayne
O. P. Kinnaman
A. A. H.

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Office Bureau Refuges 2nd and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Sept. 11th 1866

Respectfully referred to L. A. Ding, Esq. Agt. of Bureau at Florence who will see that the within named property is returned to its original owner, on proper proof being made, and return these papers to the office with report of action, and young Kurnachan's receipt.

u

John A. Ballie

Act. Sec. of the B. R. & A. S.

Head Quarters Post of Huntsville

Huntsville Ala. 29th May 1866

See page 82
Endorsement
On Patterson's
Letter concerning
Levi H. King

Respectfully (query) referred to Bvt Major Genl
Chas R Woods County Agent for instructions
Wm B. Beckett
Capt & Bvt Major U.S.A.

Ad Jrs Dept of the South

Macon Ga. June 8, 1866

Respectfully referred to Bvt Major Genl Swayne, kindly
assist of Ala for his action

By Order Maj Genl Woods
A Ramsey Hinnings

A. A. G.

Hd Qrs Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala Aug 30, 1866

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Respectfully referred to Bvt Col Jno B. Ballie Super.
at Huntsville who will report whether the Levi King
referred to is still in Decatur, and whether he has
yet been arrested by the civil authorities. Col
Ballie will retain these papers for such instruction
as may be given him in case Levi King has not been ar-
rested and is yet within reach.

By order Maj Genl Swayne
O. D. Kinsman

A. A. G.

(18-8) 14070 (9-87)

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War Department June 24th and A. S.
Claims Division Washington Aug 25th 1866

Endorsements on
Letter relative to
one ~~Levi~~ Bonds, B. R. & A. S. Montgomery Ala.

It is presumed that the claim of the within named man is for
bounty under act approved Sept 1st 1864 (sequestration act) claims
for bounty under that act, as well as the first resolution approved
June 15th and July 25th 1866, will not be received at present by the department
in this city, payment of bounties under said act and resolutions
having been stopped by order of the war Dept.

Positive and correct instructions will be issued from
this office, as soon as some settled course of action shall have been
decided upon by the department. In the mean time these claims
for bounty only which are valid under previous law should be
forwarded to this office. In the claims for bounty of colored soldiers
submitted prior to July 1st 1864, the same evidence of freedom is
required as heretofore.

By order of

Maj. Genl. Howard

William Fowler

A. A. G.

Florence Sept. 17th 1866.

Action taken. The man proven to be his property
and returned to the proper owner R. Kurnachan. Within
find receipt.

L. A. Ding

Agent.

On Indorsement dated 1866

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Rec. 1867 concerning

one black murder

Office Bureau R. & A. S.

Morgan Co. Alabama Sept. 1866

Respectfully returned to Adj. Gen. J. B. Wallis Sept. 1866
 with the following facts collected by diligent inquiry. It appears that Harrison Cook dragged from the house of the late German Horris the Freedman refused to kill him and was in a pond of water. He states this to John Morris, Jackson Willhite (son) German Willhite. He never gave any good reason for committing the atrocious deed. The party lived 15 miles west of Birmingham in the County of Morgan.

J. B. Wallis

Adj. Gen. R. & A. S. Morgan Co.

Bureau R. & A. S.

Montreal Ala. Sept. 1866

Respectfully returned to Maj. Gen. H. S. Wayne, commanding
 Dist. of Ala. whose attention is directed to the indorsement hereon
 made by the Adj. of the Bureau at Paxton Ala. Implicit faith
 can be given to the statement of Mr. Shatt.

J. B. Wallis

Adj. Gen. R. & A. S.

Indorsement concerning

one James Williams

(black) Birmingham Ala.

Office Sept. R. & A. S.

Pitt. Nor. Ala. Huntsville Sept. 1866

Respectfully returned to John H. Sells Agent R. & A. S.
 at Birmingham Ala. with the information that the rules set forth in the
 within certificate, if made in pursuance with a written order of
 the Sept. Bureau R. & A. S. and prior to the receipted writ-
 timent of civil courts in Ala. are valid and must not be disturbed
 by local tribunals, established at a subsequent date. Unwarrantable
 interferences in these cases will subject the officer who permits in them
 to summary suspension from his official functions. You will give
 due notice to the officer referred to, to the above effect, and report to this
 office, his action in the premises.

J. B. Wallis

Adj. Gen. R. & A. S.

Office Bureau R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala. Sept. 1866

Respectfully returned to Major C. P. Kinnaman with report
 of action taken by G. A. Dinger Agent R. & A. S. for
 Lauderdale Co. Ala.

J. B. Wallis

Adj. Gen. R. & A. S.

Letter from

H. Barrett

in evidence

concerning death

of Robert Rogers

Priv. Co. 5th Ala

So Long Beach.

Respectfully referred to Adj. Gen. State of
 Ala for any information he may possess
 in regard to the date, place and cause of
 death of within named soldier. No record of
 his death now on file in this office. These
 papers to be returned to this office with
 report - By order Surg. Gen.

J. B. Wallis

Adj. Gen. R. & A. S.

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Hd Qrs Dist of Ala Montgomery Ala
Sept 20, 1866

Respectfully referred to Butlev. Jno B
Ballie Sups at Huntsville for inves-
tigation and report.

By order Maj Genl W Swayne
D. F. Cunningham
1st Lt 15th U.S. Inf & A.H.S.

Continued

Office B. R. F. & A. S. Huntsville Ala
Sept 24, 1866

Respectfully referred to Major Frank L
Cramer, Moulton, Ala. late Major 1st
Adlt Fed Cav. for investigation. These
papers to be returned to this office
with report.

Jno B Ballie
Butlev Dist. - Supr.

Continued

Office Butlev R. F. and A. S.
1st Lt 15th U.S. Inf & A.H.S.

Respectfully referred to Sicut E. W. Day, late Capt. 1st Ala.
Federal Cav. for any information he can give; these papers
to be returned with report.

Jno B Ballie
1st Lt 15th U.S. Inf & A.H.S.
B. R. F. and A. S.

Endorsement returning
the papers in the case
of James Williams (adlt)
to J. A. Bagdole

Office Butl. R. F. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Sept 25 1866

Respectfully returned to J. A. Bagdole, with the information
that the previous order of decision on these papers as per endorsement
thereon seem to be sufficiently explicit to satisfy him of what is the
ruling in such cases.

It would seem from the papers in the case that the
order of sale was made by Capt. D. W. Woodfellow Butl. R. F.
and A. S. after an investigation of the case, and that the sale was
approved and confirmed by the then military commander
at Birmingham, thus making it clearly a military transaction.

The parties purchasing the property at such military
sales were innocent purchasers and the U. S. Govt. is responsible
for its action or the action of its officials, redress should be sought
from the Govt. and not from the parties purchasing property
sold by military order; the property clearly belongs to the purch-
aser, and should be restored to them at once.

Information as to the whereabouts of James Hamphill
is requested by the authorities at this office. Please return these
papers with your final action endorsed thereon.

Jno A. Ballie
1st Lt 15th U.S. Inf & A.H.S.

bu S. R. 366-361-

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Endorsement on letter
from Maj. Eldredges
to our late Governor.

Head Quarters Sub. Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Oct. 2nd 1866

Respectfully referred to Col. J. B. Wallis Capt. at Huntsville, Ala.
who will please furnish the evidence so called for by the A. A. A. Sub.
Bureau D. C. and A. S. Washington D. C.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
J. F. Conyngham
1st and A. A. A. Sub.

See S. R. O. 392.

Endorsement of Petitions
from Board of Comm.
Morgan Co. Ala.

Office Capt. Bureau R. D. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Oct. 6th 1866

Respectfully forwarded to Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne Asst.
S. R. D. and A. S. Montgomery Ala. I have serious doubts if the
various Corporations in my district have produced enough food this
year to supply the home demands.

See S. R. O. 390 (Signed) Jno. B. Wallis
Col. B. Wallis and Capt.

Office Bureau Refugees D. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Oct. 6th 1866

Preamble and Resolutions passed by the J. A. Circle in Bloom
Co. Ala. on the last Saturday in Sept. 1866, with a letter appended
from J. J. Diers of Morgan Co. alleging great destitution
in the Mountain District of Alabama

Respectfully forwarded
Jno. B. Wallis
Col. B. Wallis and Capt.

Endorsement on letter
from W. L. Garrison

Office Capt. P. R. D. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Oct. 6th 1866

Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne Comdg.
Sub. Dist. of Ala. for his official action and with the
information that implicit reliance may be placed on
the statements of W. L. Garrison.

See S. R. O. 382.

Jno. B. Wallis
Col. B. Wallis and Capt.

States J. H.

Head Qrs. Dist. of the Comm.
Huntsville Sept. 26th 1866

Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
Comdg. Sub. Dist. of Ala.

By Command of
Maj. Genl. Thomas
Orrin S. Whipple
Col. Aug. Sub. A. A. &

States J. H.

Head Qrs. Sub. Dist. of Ala.
Montgomery Oct. 1-1866

Respectfully referred to Col. J. B. Wallis Capt. of Huntsville
Ala. who will investigate the within case and take such
action as he thinks necessary to do justice to the parties
concerned.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
J. F. Conyngham
A. A. A. Sub.

Endorsement on letter
inclosing claim for
County in favor of
Philip Adkins (all)

Wm Spt B. R. F. and W. S. Blain Division
Washington Oct 1866

Respectfully returned through the Act. Comm. Bureau etc State of Ala.
to Col. Rob. J. A. Ballis Supt Bureau etc. Huntsville Ala. Evidence
showing the applicant to have been free on or before April 1861,
is required to establish his claim to County similar evidence is
required in the claims of all colored soldiers enlisted prior to
July 1864.

By order of
Maj. Genl Howard
Eleazar Eldridge
Adj. Maj. & C. A. A. G. H. S.

Continued

Col. Am. Sub. Supt. of Ala.

Montgomery Oct. 8th 1866

Respectfully transmitted to Col. Rob. J. A. Ballis Supt
Bureau R. F. and W. S. Huntsville Ala. inclosing attention to
preceding endorsement.

By order of Maj. Genl. Wager Swaine
John F. Conyngham
S. and C. A. A. H. S.

Dis. B. C. 226.

Endorsement on letter
to Maj. Grant from several
persons of Huntsville
Marshall Co. Ala. see
S. R. C. in Book 6.

Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Thomas W. F. A.
Commanding Spt. of the Arm.

By command of
General Grant
Geo. Sheet
Adj. Adjt. H. S.

Continued

Head Quarters Spt. of the Arm.

Kashville Tenn. Sept. 29th 1866

Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. General L. B. Woods Com-
manding Spt. of the Chattahoochee for action under General
order No. 11. Head Quarters Armies of the U. S.

By command of
Maj. Genl. Thomas
William S. Whipple
Adj. Brig. General
C. A. A.

Continued

Head Quarters Spt. of Chattahoochee

Macon Ga. Oct. 1st 1866

Respectfully referred to Maj. General Swaine commanding the
Spt. of Alabama for action as indicated by the endorsement
from Head Quarters Spt. of the Arm.

By command of
Adj. Maj. Genl.
Chas. B. Woods
D. B. Greene
Capt. W. Duff
Adj. Maj. W. F. A.
C. A. A. H.

Continued

Head Quarters Spt. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Oct. 13th 1866

Respectfully referred to Col. Rob. J. A. Ballis Supt. of Huntsville
Ala. for investigation and full report.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swaine
J. F. Conyngham
Adj. W. Duff
C. A. A. H.

Endorsement on letter
to Mr. Eldridge re
regard to commutation
of rations for some names

Office Supt. Bureau R. & and A. S.
Claims Div. Washington D.C. Oct 18 1866.

Respectfully returned with the information that there is no
record at this office of the receipt of claims referred to within

By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard
Wm Fowler
A. A. Humb

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Office Bureau R. & and A. S.
Dist. Mr. Ala. Huntsville Oct. 22/66

Respectfully referred to Supt J. F. Conyngham A. A. A. Dist.
Dist. Dist. Ala. who will please report if the within mentioned
claims have ever been received at the office of the Dist Comm.

Geo A. Wallis
Dist. Col. Supt

Endorsement on letter
from Dist. A. Bureau

Respectfully referred to Col. John A. Wallis Supt. of Freedmen
& Alabama with the inquiry whether there is a suitable location
out of Huntsville for the teachers where they will not be interfered
with by the Methodist Extension

William S. Mitchell
Supt. School Co.

continued

Office Supt. Bureau R. & and A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Oct 24 1866

Respectfully returned to William S. Mitchell Esq. Supt. Co.
with the information that I know of no place to which I could
recommend the assignment of the teachers referred to within

Geo A. Wallis
Dist. Col. Supt
A. A. Humb

Endorsement
returning the papers
in the case of
District A. Hulet

Office Bureau R. & and A. S.
Dist. Mr. Ala. Oct. 25 1866

Respectfully returned to J. Sanford at Athens with
contract enclosed. The contract is a bad one but as it
has been agreed to by the parties and the matter has been
referred to referees their decision is approved and confirmed

Geo A. Wallis
Dist. Col. Supt
A. A. Humb

Endorsement con-
cerning St. J. S.
Jennings A. C. S.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Oct. 27 1866

Respectfully returned to Dist. Col. Geo A. Wallis A. C. S. Supt. Bureau
R. & and A. S. Northern District of Alabama, with the information
that S. O. No. 10, H. Q. Dist. of Ala. June 27 1866, is still in force
which gives the status of Supt. Jennings in the Bureau.

The order from Supt. Head Quarters does not relieve St. Jennings
from any duty but adds to his previous duties - The Supt. Commander
does not issue orders regulating the duty of officers in the Bureau
R. & and A. S. If St. Jennings has been performing the duties of
A. C. S. Bureau R. & and A. S. under orders from you and in
accordance with Special orders No. 3, H. Q. Dist. of Ala. June 9/66
he will continue to perform such duty.

Special order No. 35 Office Supt. R. & and A. S. Dist.
Mr. Ala. Huntsville Ala. Aug. 9 1866, having been issued under a
mistaken view of the provisions of Art. of S. O. 18. H. Q. Dist. of Tennessee
a recent review is hereby recalled.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wm. S. Wagoner
J. F. Conyngham
Dist. Col. Supt
A. A. Humb

Endorsement on
letter relative one

Archibald Jones, respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Sheridan, Corps
A. R. F. and U. S. for the State of Ala.

Head Qu. A. R. F. and U. S.
Salvator, Tex. Oct. 9th 1866

J. R. Kidd
Adj. Genl.
Adj. Genl.

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Head Quarters Bureau of Refugees F. & U. S.
State of La. New Orleans Oct. 28th 1866

Respectfully referred to Brig. General Wagon Buayne, Adj. Genl. Corps
as also to Adj. Genl. the State referred to

(Signed) P. H. Sheridan
Maj. Genl. U. S. A.
Adj. Genl.

Continued

Head Quarters Sub. Div. of Alabama
Montgomery Oct. 19th 1866

Respectfully referred to Adj. Genl. J. A. Ballie at Huntsville
Ala. for such information as he may be able to obtain relative
to the colored man referred to, who is supposed to be in Secatur
Alabama.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wagon Buayne
Adj. Commissioner
J. F. Birmingham
142d 15th U. S. Inf.
A. A. A. 9.

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Office Sub. A. R. F. and U. S.
Huntsville Ala. Nov. 3rd 1866

Respectfully referred to C. C. Shultz, Agent A. R. F. and U. S. for
Montgomery Ala. for such information as he may be
able to obtain relative to the within named Archer Jones & redmond
This to be returned with endorsement thereon

John A. Ballie
Adj. Genl. U. S. A. and Sub.
A. A. A. 2

Endorsement on
letter relative to
the killing of a
Union Soldier

Office A. R. F. Bureau A. R. and U. S.
Savannah Ga. Nov. 16th 1866

Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. W. S. Guayre, Comdg
Sub. of Alabama.

Eugene Pickett
Capt. A. A. A. 4
In the absence of the Adj. Genl.

Head Qu. Sub. Div. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Nov. 16th 1866

Respectfully referred to Adj. Genl. J. A. Ballie A. R. F. and U. S.
Sub. of Huntsville Ala. who will investigate the circumstances of
the reported killing of a U. S. Soldier as it is being; and
will report to them Head Qu. such information as may be
obtained in the case.

By order of
Maj. Genl. W. S. Guayre
J. F. Birmingham
142d 15th U. S. Inf. A. A. A. 4

Endorsement on
letter from Eli
ahed Jones Col.

Bureau Refugee F and A. S.
Office at Rome Sta. Hill Tenn. Dec. 30/66
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
Act. Commissioner State of Alabama.

J. J. Grosbeck
Supt & A. A. A. Genl
In absence Genl. Swayne
Act. Com. Tenn.

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Recd. Am. Sub. Dist. of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 3rd 1866
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. J. A. Callis
Supt. Northern Alabama who will endeavor to
ascertain the particulars of this case and will
render such assistance in it as may be needed

By order of
Genl. Wager Swayne
J. F. Conyngham
1st Lt. 15 w. g. S. A. A. G.

Endorsement on
letter from E
Williams

Recd. Am. Sub. Dist. of Ala.
Montgomery Dec. 25th 1866.
Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Swayne commanding
Sub. Dist. of Alabama, for investigation and report - papers in
reference to this case was referred to Sub. Am. Dist. of Ala.
from Sub. Am. Dist. of the South August 10 1866, which have
not been received back.

By command of
Col. Maj. Genl. Woods
S. L. Greene
Capt. 15 w. g. S.
Col. Maj. 15 w. g. S.
A. A. A. G.

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Recd. Am. Sub. Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Dec. 19th 1866.
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. J. A. Callis Supt. at
Montville, who will at once report what action has
been taken in this case.

Papers relative to E. Williams were referred to
your office from these Sub. Am. Dist. Aug. 15 1866, with instructions
to send Lt. J. J. Conyngham & S. L. Greene to investigate and make
full report in this case.

By Order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
J. F. Conyngham
1st Lt. 15 w. g. S.
A. A. A. G.

Endorsement on
letter from Michael
Walsh in regard
to two colored men
Alfred & George

Recd. Am. Sub. Dist. of Ala.
Montgomery Dec. 18 1866
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. J. A. Callis Supt. A. A. G. and
A. S. Montville Ala. for investigation this paper to be returned
with full report in the case.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayne
J. F. Conyngham
1st Lt. 15 w. g. S.
A. A. A. G.

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Office Bureau Refugee Fund A.S.

Sgt. Mr. Wm. Huntville Ala. Dec. 23/66

Respectfully referred to John St. Green Agent A.R.F. and A.S.
 Franklin Co. Alabama Ala. who will at once investigate the
 within case and return these papers with endorsement thereon.

John P. Ballie

Act. Sec. to G. V. and G. V. Co

Endorsement on
 letter relative to
 one Alexander
 Williams

Office Bureau Refugee Freedmen and A.S.

Sgt. Mr. Wm. Huntville Ala. Dec. 22nd 1866

Respectfully referred to S. L. Thornton Agent A.R.F. and A.S.
 Cherokee Co. Madison Ala. who will at once report what
 action has been taken in this case.

Papers relative to E. Williams were referred to you
 from this Office August 24th 1866. You will observe that I
 am required to make a full report of this case, you will
 therefore report as far as possible in the case, returning
 the papers sent you on the 24th of August and thereon.

John P. Ballie

Act. Sec. to G. V. and G. V. Co
 A.R.F. and A.S.

Endorsement on
 letter from J. H. Smith

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant General of State of
 Alabama Ala. for any information he may possess in regards to
 the date place and cause of death of within named
 soldier. No record of his death now on file in this
 Office. These papers to be returned to this Office with
 report.

By order of the Surgeon Genl.

J. J. Woodwards

Act. Surg. to G. V.

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Genl. Am. Div. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Dec. 11 1866

Respectfully referred to Act. Sec. J. P. Ballie Huntsville
 Ala. inviting attention to endorsement of the Surg. Genl.
 and will return this paper with such information as
 may be obtained in the case.

By order of

Maj. Genl. Wm. S. Swann

J. P. Montgomery 1st. 5th Regt. A.C.A.

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Office Genl. Bureau A.R.F. and A.S.

Sgt. Mr. Wm. Huntville Ala. Dec. 22/66

Respectfully referred to Maj. Frank E. Kramer late of
 Ala. Cav. (7th Regt.) for such information as he may have and
 if he cannot give the desired information he is requested to
 refer to Lt. Frank C. Quaid for his remarks. These
 papers to be returned with report.

John P. Ballie

Act. Sec. to G. V. and G. V. Co
 A.R.F. and A.S.

Sgt. Mr. Wm. Huntville Ala.

Endorsement on
letter relative to one
Robert L. Rogers

Montreal Ala. Dec. 12th 1866
Respectfully returned with the information that I know
nothing in regard to this case, but think St. Day of Huntsville
can give the desired information

F. S. Grimes
late maj. 1st Ala. Cav.

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Huntsville Ala. Dec. 28th 1866
Respectfully returned to Col. J. A. Ballis with the
statement that I was adjt. of the 1st Ala. Cav. U.S.A. and that
some time about June 1862, I had information deemed
reliable that one - Rogers with 2 other members of said
Regiment were captured by the rebel force then occupying
Franklin Co. Ala. in which Dalton Station is situated
that they were taken in citizen dress and for that reason
were charged by rebel quarters with being spies and on that
charge were put to death - I think he was so reported in
Regimental Monthly Return, but may have been over-
looked ~~owing to~~ delay experienced in securing
accurate information - steps having been taken for
that purpose.

Simon W. Day
Formerly Adjt. 1st Ala. Cav.
U.S.A.

See former endorsement O. 169

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Office Bureau Refugee & Freedmen and U.S.
Dist. for Ala. Huntsville Ala. Dec. 28th 1866
Respectfully returned to Chief John F. Longmire A.A. General
Montgomery Ala. with attention respectfully invited to endorsement
of F. S. Grimes, Maj. 1st Ala. Cav. and Simon W. Day, formerly
Adjt. 1st Ala. Cav.

John A. Ballis
Adj. Col. 10th Regt. and Capt.

See O. 169

Endorsement on
letter in regard to
Alfred and James
Hicks Cobb

Office Bureau Refugee & Freedmen and U.S.
Dist. for Ala. Huntsville Ala. Jan. 2/67

Respectfully returned to St. John F. Longmire A.A.
General Montgomery Ala. with attention respectfully invited to the reports of
J. A. Green Agent R. R. and U.S. W. A. Post Mayor of
the City of Tusculum and Reg. for 1st Dist.

John A. Ballis
Adj. Col. 10th Regt. and Capt.

Endorsement on
letter in regard to
Wilson Sambo

Montreal Alabama Co. Ala.
January 18th 1867

Respectfully returned to Col. Ballis. The within
named Wilson Sambo was enlisted by me and was
mustered into Co. A, 1st Ala. Fed. Cav. sometime in the
fall of 1862 (November I think) he died in the early
part of December 1862. At Franklin Co. Ala.
of malarial fever. I think this is all the information I can
give.

Frank L. Burdick
Capt. 1st Ala. Cav.

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Office Bureau Refugee & Freedmen and U.S.
Dist. for Ala. Huntsville Ala. Jan. 18 1867
Respectfully returned to Lieutenant John F. Longmire
A.A. General Montgomery Ala. with attention invited
to endorsement of Frank L. Burdick late Captain
Company C, 1st Ala. Fed. Cav.

John A. Ballis
Adj. Col. 10th Regt. and Capt.
O.R. and U.S. Dist. for Ala.

Endorsement on letter from Bt Col Geo B Ball, to Major DeClaton, relative to outrages committed on Freedmen by soldiers
Jan 16, 1867

Adl 2nd Post of Huntsville
Huntsville Jan 15, 1867
Respy referred to Bt Col Geo B Ball with the information that Tho^t Powers is no longer a member of my Command, he having been discharged on the 13th inst. Corp. McLennon and Private McHale have been placed in arrest to await further investigation

Wm DeClaton
Capt 33rd Inf Mt May 1
Comd^g 4 Regt

Referring to Genl Swayne
Communication of Bt Col Ball to May DeClaton, and reply of the latter Officer, respecting outrages committed by soldiers upon Freedmen

Office Subt BRT & AS
Huntsville Jan 16, 1867
Respectfully referred to May Genl Swayne whose attention is invited to inclosed communications. The outrages complained of are of no uncommon occurrence. Attention is also called to my report of outrages committed on Freedmen last summer while engaged in a baptismal ceremony in this city. This is the first time I have called the attention of May DeClaton to the bad conduct of his men. Attention is invited to the answer recd.

If my Col^l Employes and others must walk the streets in constant fear of being knocked down by the ribbing of May Os Combs. and if officers are to be insulted for reporting such indignities I would suggest that these troops be relieved and soldiers placed in their stead
Jno B Ballie
Bt Col 1st Regt 5th

Endorsement on letter relative to Archer Jones

Office Bureau Grand A.S.
Fayetteville Ala. January 25th 1867

Adl John Ballie
I have the honor to report that I have made diligent inquiry for the Freedman Archer Jones he has been here no one knows his whereabouts at this time

L. L. Sheab
Capt for Montgomery Ala.

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Office Bureau Refugees Freedmen and A.S.
Huntsville Ala. January 26th 1867

Respectfully returned to Genl John F. Montgomery A. S. General Montgomery Ala. with attention respectfully invited to the endorsement of L. L. Sheab Capt B. R. T. and A. S.

John B. Ballie
Bt Col 1st Regt 5th

On Voucher sent for approval

Office Subt BRT & AS
Huntsville Ala Jan 30th 1867

Respectfully forwarded to May Genl Wager Dwayne Asst Commissioner Bureau BRT & AS disapproved. The expenditure named in the inclosed voucher seems to be irregular, and was never authorized by me. I regard it as an unnecessary waste of public money, by a man acting only by authority from My. Drivelli, and not by any authority from the Bureau hence I cannot certify that it was necessary for the public service in the BRT & AS

Jno B. Ballie
Bt Col 1st Regt 5th

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Enclosure on report
of D. Churcutine in
the case of E. Williams

Office of the Adj. Genl. & A. G.
Monte Carlo Feb. 4, 1867

Respectfully forwarded to Major General
Wager Swaine Chief of Staff of Ala.

Enclosure on
personal report for
Month of January 1867

War Department Adj. General's Office
February 11 1867

Respectfully returned. The within report is not
in accordance with the regulations of this Dept. the
regiment or corps to which you belong not being
stated.

Thomas M. Vincent
Adj. Adjt. General.

Enclosure on letter
from Maj. Jones concerning
 acct. current and vouchers

Office of the Adj. Genl. & A. G.
Monte Carlo Ala. Feb. 19 1867

Respectfully referred to Lt. Edwin Becker Subv. of
Office of the Adj. Genl. & A. G. with the request that
the papers herewith transmitted as well as the papers now
in the hands of Maj. Williamson, relating to the accounts of
Maj. Jones be examined and the matter adjusted, so that
the Maj. can draw his pay. Dr. Kipp and Maj. Williamson
will give valuable information in the premises.

Maj. Jones is now with me in Monte Carlo and in need of
his pay for the last 6 months since which has been stopped

John D. Wallis

Capt. B. R. and A. G.
Dist. Ar. Ala.

Ad. R. P. M. Noble.

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Enclosure on
letter from to B.
Commons Bureau
Geo. Ala.

Head Quarters Dist. of the Term
Louisville Ky. Feb. 6 1867

Respectfully referred to Major General Wager Swaine
Commanding Dist. of Alabama.

By command of

Maj. General Thomas

W. D. Whipple

Col. Maj. Genl. W. S. A.

A. A. G.

Continued

Head Quarters Dist. of the Chattahoochee
Macon Ga. Feb. 12 1867

Respectfully transmitted.

By command of

Col. Maj. Genl. Woods

S. C. Greene

Col. 2d Dist. Col. Maj. W. S. A.

A. A. G.

Continued

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Feb. 16 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. J. B. Wallis Capt. at
Monte Carlo Ala. for investigation and report

By Order of

Maj. Genl. Wager Swaine

J. D. Conyngham

Col. 2d W. S. Dist.

A. A. G.

Continued

Office Capt Bureau Refugees & and A.G.
Montville Ala. Feb. 21st 1867.

Respectfully returned to Lieut. J. P. Conyngham A. G. A. Montgomery Ala. with the information that I have investigated the within matter, and find that Mr Green has done all in his power as Agent of the Bureau to correct the will complained of but as the Bureau has no power to make and enforce laws, we have to rely on the legally constituted civil authority for the correction of such wills. I entertain no doubt that frauds of the great character are practiced daily on Freedmen, and in fact in know such to be the case, and I know furthermore that the Freedmen have no chance for a honest justice in the civil courts of the country.

John B. Ballie
Sgt. Ad. U. S. A. and Capt.
S. R. and A. G. Sub. Ar. Ala.

Endorsements on
Letter relative to one
James Kirby
Sgt. A. G. A.

Superior Bureau Office
Record and Pension Bureau City, N. Y.

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant General State of Alabama for any information he may possess in regard to the date, place and cause of death of within named soldier. A record of his death now on file in this office. These papers to be returned to this with report.

Deposited the within record
J. J. Woodward
Act. Superior U. S. A.

Head Quarters Sub. Ar. Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Feb. 25 1867

Respectfully referred to Sub. Ar. Ala. at Montville Ala. for investigation and report.

By order of
Maj. Gen. George B. Brown
J. P. Conyngham
A. G. A.

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Office Sub. Ar. Ala. and A. G.
Sub. Ar. Ala. Montville Ala. Feb. 21st 1867.

Respectfully referred to Major J. A. Kramer late of the 1st Alabama, I shall endeavor for any information he may possess in regard to the date, place and cause of death of the within named soldier.

These papers to be returned to this office with report.

John B. Ballie
Sgt. Ad. U. S. A. and Sub. Ar. Ala.
S. R. and A. G. Sub. Ar. Ala.

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Montville Ala. March 2nd 1867.

Respectfully returned to Sub. Ar. Ala. This man was a Capt. of the 1st Alabama and from all the evidence I can get died at Andover Ala. March 1st 1864, cause unknown.

J. A. Kramer
late Maj. Gen. 1st Ala. Regt.

Continued

Office Sub. Ar. Ala. and A. G.
Montville Ala. March 6 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieut. John P. Conyngham A. G. A. Record Montgomery Ala. with attention invited to the endorsement of J. A. Kramer late Maj. 1st Ala. Regt.

John B. Ballie
Sgt. Ad. U. S. A. and Sub. Ar. Ala.
S. R. and A. G. Sub. Ar. Ala.

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Endorsement on
letter relative to claim
of Sarah Hammond
Wife of John Hammond

Out home office Bureau R. D. and A. G.

Nashville Tenn. January 27th 1867

Respectfully referred to John Lawrence Esq. Division Co. Tenn.
for such information in regard to the within case as the records of
his office may afford. This paper to be returned.

By order of

Maj. Genl. Wagon Larkin

Out home Tenn.

S. W. Grubbs

St. A. A. A. Genl.

continued

Office Capt. Bureau R. D. and A. G.

Division Co. Tenn. Nashville Feb. 2nd 1867

Respectfully returned - Our books show that the within claim was made
up March 28th 1866, amended June 1st 1866, and now stands 'correct'
and may be paid at any moment - We have the claimants address
and will inform him when the warrant arrives.

John Lawrence

Genl. Claim Agent
Capt. A. C.

Office Bureau R. D. and A. G. State of Tenn.

Nashville Feb. 22nd 1867.

Respectfully returned to Col. L. J. Ballis S. A. S. H. Am.
Ad. Commissioner of Alabama, and attention invited to endorsement
of John Lawrence Genl. Claim Agent hereon.

W. B. Jackson

Col. Maj. Genl. W. B. A.

Out home Tenn.

continued

Ad. Col. Genl. Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Feb. 28th 1867.

Respectfully transmitted to Col. L. J. Ballis Sub. Out.
home, Nashville Ala.

By order of

Maj. Genl. Wagon Larkin

J. F. Birmingham

Ad. Col. W. B. A.

W. B. A. A.

See L. R. 250.

Endorsement on
letter in regard
to claim of John
Malone -

Office Sub. Ad. Comd.

B. R. 7th and A. L. Henderson ad.

March 2nd 1867.

Respectfully returned to John Lawrence Esq. Sept. 13th 1867 with the
information that we have no knowledge of the discharge papers
of the within named Soldier. This office gives receipts for all
discharges and claims received and forwarded by it.

Ans. B. Collins

13th Oct. A. D. V. Sub. Ad. Comd.

See L. R. 131.

continued

Enclosure on letter
relative to treatment of
black freedmen at
Steuersville Ala.

Mr. Asst. Comm. Refugee Freedmen and U.S.
Washington March 29th 1867

So much of the within statement as relates to the State of Alabama
is respectfully referred to Col. Maj. Genl. Wager Sawyer Asst. Comm. Bureau
for a thorough investigation and report - It is the duty of Bureau Agents
promptly to interfere in cases of this nature and to do what they can to
protect the freedmen.

By order of
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
A. P. Ketchum
A. A. A. General

Continued

Black Quarter Sub-dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. April 12th 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. Brig. Genl. J. B. Ballis Sub. Dist. Comm. Huntsville
Ala. It is supposed that by Steuversville is meant Steuerson.

Col. Ballis will cause an investigation and full report of this
case to be made to this office at once.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Sawyer
J. F. Conyngham
U. S. A.

Letter Recd. 165.

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Office B. O. F. and U. S.
Huntsville Ala. May 14th 1867

Respectfully returned to H. J. F. Conyngham U. S. A. with the
information that the within case has been sought for in the vicinity of
Steuerson Ala. and that no such man or case can be heard of in that
vicinity.

John B. Ballis
Col. Brig. Genl. Wager
Sub. Dist. Comm.

Letter Recd. 165

Office A. A. M. Wells
Hon. J. Jennings A. A. M.
H. J. F. Conyngham A. A. M.
In relation to wood furnish-
ed the Bureau by him,
request for which is re-
fused by Chf. D. M.

At Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery March 23/67.

Respectfully returned to J. D. Jennings A. A. M.
M. Huntville Ala. to be transmitted through the
office of Sub. Dist. Comm. of the Bureau at Huntsville
for his remarks.

By Order of Maj. Genl. Wager Sawyer
J. F. Conyngham
A. A. M.

Continued

Huntsville Ala. Apr 7 1867.

Respectfully referred to Col. Brig. Genl. J. B. Ballis
for his remarks. This paper to be referred to Genl.
Sawyer

J. D. Jennings A. A. M.

Office B. O. F. and U. S.

Huntsville Ala. Apr 7, 1867

Continued Respectfully returned to Maj. Genl. Sawyer, with in-
formation that the fuel was purchased as stated within,
and a requisition under date of young 26th 1866 and that
said requisition was approved as stated and that the
Ch. M. kept and repairs to hay for said fuel.

For Ballis Sub. Dist. Comm.

Continued

At Dist. of Ala. Office Chf. D. M.

Montgomery Ala. Apr 12, 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. Brig. Genl. Henry
W. Whittlesey Chf. Dist. B. O. F. and U. S. Washington
D. C. with the request that instructions be given in the case.

Genl. B. Sawyer
Chf. Dist. Comm. Ala.

Enclosure on
Letter in regard to
appointment of Col
Callis, written by
Hend. Buayne

This application for delay approved

By Order of the Secty. of War
J. C. Kilton

A. H. O.

April 26th 1867

A. A. H.

Continued

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. April 26th 1867

Respectfully transmitted to Col. Brig. Genl. J. A. Callis
U. S. V. Sub. Dist. Comr. Huntsville Ala for his information

By Command of

Maj. Genl. Major Buayne

J. D. Cunningham

1st Lt. 24th U. S. Infly

A. A. H. General

See Letter Rec. 173

Enclosure on
letter stating
for the release of
E. Holden

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. April 25th 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. Brig. Genl. J. A. Callis Sub. Dist. Comr. Huntsville Ala. for investigation and report papers to be returned.

By Command of

Maj. Genl. Major Buayne

J. D. Cunningham

1st Lt. 24th U. S. Infly

A. A. H. General

Enclosure on letter
relative to the murder
of James H. Moore at Huntsville Ala

Office Sub. Dist. Comr. J. A. Callis and A. H. O.

Sub. Dist. Comr. Huntsville Ala. April 26th 1867

Respectfully referred Major General Major Buayne commanding for instructions.

John A. Callis

Col. Brig. Genl.

Sub. Dist. Comr.

Continued

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. April 24th 1867

Respectfully transmitted to Col. Brig. Genl. J. A. Callis Sub. Dist. Comr. Huntsville Ala. for investigation and report

By Command of

Maj. Genl. Major Buayne

J. D. Cunningham

1st Lt. 24th U. S. Infly

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Office Sub. Dist. Comr. J. A. Callis and A. H. O.

Dist. North Ala. Huntsville Ala.

May 3^d 1867

Respectfully returned with the information that I have investigated the within case, and find that the facts set forth in the enclosed letter are true, the murderer has left the country, the murdered man was a white discharged Union Soldier and the murderer has been a rebel Captain, I fear that such cases will be of frequent occurrence unless more troops are sent to the State, the Civil Law has no restraining influence and these desperadoes

John A. Callis

Sub. Dist. Comr.

Endorsement on Constitution
from American Union
League for the removal of
officers of Jackson County

Office Sub Asst Comd B.R. and W.S.
Huntsville Ala. April 22nd 1867
Respectfully referred to Maj Gen. Wager Bwayne commanding
Dist. of Ala. for his information and official action
John B. Cullis
Sub Asst Comd Dist. of Ala.

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Local Quarter Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. April 27th 1867

Respectfully returned.

1st It is considered that the assertions of a public meeting, while possibly
conclusive as to matters of opinion, do not supply such evidence of personal
knowledge as is necessary, in questions of mere fact, to constitute a basis of official
action. Hence it is returned.

2nd As to the Probate Judge. Being already under bond for trial in the Dist.
Court, the issue of that trial will be decided before removal, unless further charges are
preferred against him.

3rd The same remarks are applicable to the Sheriff.

4th The opinion of the meeting as to the fitness of C. B. Boush for bounty
which is personally received, and he will be appointed.

5th The charge against the Superintendent of Education will occasion no removal
if sustained by affidavit showing personal knowledge of the fact. As the proceeding is
wholly the statement should come from at least two persons.

6th The same remarks are applicable to the Tax assessor and the Tax collector.

7th In such removals as may hereafter occur from the above, the opinion of the
meeting as to a successor will have due consideration.

8th Fuller and more specific information is requested in relation to the alleged conduct
of the County Commissioners. This should include the terms at which the services were rendered
by the former Sheriff, and the action of each member of the Court.

9th Messrs Austin and Jenkins were considered favorably for Deputies, under the impression
that they had been uncompromisingly loyal. The former is doubtless well known to the gentlemen
who composed the meeting, but a doubt is entertained as to their having been carefully inquired before
the charge against the latter was preferred. The matter will be carefully considered.

Wager Bwayne
Maj. Genl.

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Office Sub Asst Comd B.R. and W.S.

Huntsville Ala. May 1st 1867

Respectfully transmitted to L. O. Whitney Secy. of Jackson County
Ala. with attention respectfully invited to the endorsement of Maj.
Gen. Wager Bwayne.

John B. Cullis
Sub Asst Comd Dist. of Ala.
Sub Asst Comd

Endorsement on
Petition Relation

Office Sub Asst Comd B.R. and W.S.

Dist North Ala. Huntsville May 3rd 1867

to Geo. C. Holden. Respectfully referred to J. B. Mitchell & C. O. Whitney
Charg. North Murder of Jackson Co. Ala. for investigation and report
these papers to be returned with the report

Jno. B. Cullis

Sub Asst Comd, Dist.

Sub Asst Comd

Endorsement on

Letter in reference

to account of

John M. Dwyer

Office Sub Asst Comd B.R. and W.S.

Dist North Ala. Huntsville Ala.

May 3rd 1867.

Respectfully referred to Col. Edwin Becker with request
that if bill can be paid, that I may be so informed.
These Supplies were shipped from this point the Government
paying freight. It has been understood that the County to which
these Supplies were shipped should pay Storage &c. the County
sums to be unable or unwilling to do so and the firm
here in Ga. I am at a loss to know what to do in the
premises. the bill has not been presented for the
first time hence the delay.

Jno. B. Cullis

Sub Asst Comd, Dist.

Sub L.R. for 168.

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Endorsement
on letter pertaining
to the unlawful

detention of the
son of Clara Wilson
by Cassius Shinnell
and James Hunter

13th J. & A. Lands State of Tenn
Office Asst Comm. Nashville Tenn
April 30th 1867
Respectfully referred to 1st Maj Genl. Hagerman
Asst Comm. for Alabama who is requested to
Cause this Case to be investigated, with a view to aid in
the restoration of the Child herein mentioned to its mother.
Please return this paper.

Signed: M. P. Carlin
1st Maj Genl. USA
Asst. Com.

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Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery May 1st 1867
Respectfully referred to 1st Brig Genl. Geo. B. Callis
Sub Asst Comm. Huntsville Ala who will comply
with the request of the Asst Comm. of Tennessee Return
this paper with report

By Command of
Maj Genl. Hagerman
Signed: J. F. Conyngham
1st Lt 2nd U.S. Infy & A. S. & Genl

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Office Sub Asst Comm.
B. N. F. & A. Lands Dist. N. & A.
Huntsville May 8th 1867.
Respectfully referred to James Danforth Asst B. N.
F. & A. Lands County of Limestone Ala who will make
a careful and thorough investigation of the within Case
and return these papers with report

Signed: Geo. B. Callis
1st Brig Genl. USA
Sub Asst Comm.

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Endorsement Don

papers pertaining

to a Horse the proper Respectfully referred to Maj Geo. Jones for reports as
to of H. H. Raining per requirements therein

Nash, Tenn. forwarded

to Genl. Callis for

this report as to the

action of Maj Jones

Office Sub Asst, Com. B. N. F. & A. L.

Huntsville Ala May 17/67

Respectfully referred to Maj Geo. Jones for reports as

Signed: Geo. B. Callis

1st Brig Genl. USA

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Huntsville Ala

May 17th 1867

Respectfully returned to 1st Brig Genl. John
B. Callis Sub Asst Com. B. N. F. & A. Lands Dist.
North Ala. with the information that the Horse referred
to in within papers has been delivered to Messrs
Lindsay & Co of Tusculum Ala on my order
as directed by Mr Raining

John Jones

1st Major

Office Sub Asst, Com. B. N. F. & A. L.

Huntsville Alabama

May 17th 1867

Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman Sub
Asst Com. Montgomery Alabama with all
entire printed to the endorsement of Maj
John Jones

Geo. B. Callis

1st Brig Genl. USA

Sub Asst Comm.

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Endorsement on letter asking for aid and information to obtain pension for Mrs. Sheppard widow of Chas. Sheppard Private Co. K 50th Mass. Inf. 183.

Office Sub Asst Comd.
B.R. Fr & A.L. Dist North Ala
Huntsville Ala May 20th 1867
Respectfully returned with the suggestion that if Mr. Barker will write Genl. E. D. Townsend Asst Adj. Genl. War Department, Wash. D.C. the desired information to the whereabouts of Capt. Vincent Co. K 50th Mass. Inf. may be obtained. As all officers when mustered out of service are required to give the adj. Genl. their address this is done to cover just such cases.

(Signed) J. B. Callis
Bt Brig Genl. U.S.A.
Sub Asst. Comd.

Endorsement on letter relative to J. R. Green alleging relations to the widow of a Union soldier

Office Sub Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala May 15th 1867
Respectfully referred to Bt. Brig Genl. Callis for investigation and report as to the correctness of the within statement that Mr. Green alleges relations to the widow of a Union soldier.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wagon Duane
O. S. Kimmelman
Adj. Genl. Comd.

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Office B. R. and W. S. Dist. S. Ala.
Huntsville Ala May 22nd 1867

Respectfully returned with information that I have investigated the case within mentioned and state that I am unable to find any proof to substantiate the facts stated or make statement in the enclosed letter and must consider them fabricated to injure Mrs. Green

John A. Callis
Adj. Genl. S. Ala.

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Endorsement on papers pertaining to note of J. R. Green from of Asst. Comd. Huntsville for investigation and report William Mitchell placed in hands of Maj. Jones for collection.

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Head Quarters Sub Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala May 15th 1867
Respectfully referred to Bt. Brig Genl. J. B. Callis for investigation and report
By order of
Maj. Genl. Wagon Duane
Signed O. S. Kimmelman
Sub Asst Comd.

Office Sub B. R. Fr & A.L.
Dist North Ala Huntsville
May 22nd 1867

Respectfully referred to Maj. Jones for investigation and report these papers to be returned with report.
Signed J. B. Callis
Bt Brig Genl. U.S.A.
Sub Asst Comd.

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Huntsville May 22nd 1867.
Respectfully returned to Bt. Brig Genl. John B. Callis with the information that the within named Green does not reside in Lawrence, Ala. And having made diligent inquiries from Citizens of Courtland & others I have been entirely unable to ascertain his whereabouts. I return herewith the note in question with the letters I received with it and retain my receipt for the same.

John Jones

Adj. Genl. & Bt. Maj. Asst.
Office Sub Asst Comd. B. R. Fr & A. S. Ala.
Dist North Ala May 23rd 1867

Respectfully returned, attention invited to endorsement of Maj. Jones the note in question being herewith enclosed with the same.

{ 9 Enclosures }

Signed J. B. Callis
Bt Brig Genl. U.S.A.
Sub Asst Comd.

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Page 141 detention of
son of Isaac Wilson by
Russell Stimmell

Office Bureau Agency Athens Ala
May 2nd 1867

Respectfully returned to Genl. John B. Ball with the information
that I have given the accompanying case patient investigation, and
find a colored orphan boy at Mrs. Cuffin Stimmell's, in this
County, aged about ten years, whom is proved to be an orphan,
as his mother was known to have died previous to Woods Reid.
Said child according to satisfactory evidence adduced, has been
claimed by several other parties. I further have the honor to respectfully
report that said Stimmell is willing to restore him to any relationship.
The boy is well cared for and is well satisfied with his home, being
treated the same as one of the white family.

James Simpfath Agent Simmonstone Co.

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Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. A. T. and U. S.
Montgomery Ala. May 2nd 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieutenant J. D. Conyngham B. A. T. U. S.
General Montgomery Ala. with his attention respectfully
invited to the endorsement of J. Simpfath Agent Bureau B. A. T. and U. S.
for Simmonstone Co.

John B. Ball

Act. Brig. Genl. U. S. A. and
Sub. Asst. Commissioner

Endorsement on
Letter of R. T. Day
Bridgeport, Ala. Respectfully forwarded
May 7 1867.
Relative to the
murder of Thacker
Pearson Col. D.

Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. A. T. and U. S.
Dist. North Alabama 54867

Respectfully forwarded
John B. Ball
Act. Brig. Genl. U. S. A.
Sub. Asst. Com.

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Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. A. T. and U. S.
May 21st 1867

Respectfully referred to J. D. Mitchell
Agent B. David Thomas for Jackson Co.
Ala. for investigation of the within case.
This paper to be retained with report.

John B. Ball
Act. Brig. Genl. U. S. A. and
Sub. Asst. Com.

Endorsement on
Letter of King
Byrard.

Respectfully referred to Act. Brig. Genl.
J. B. Ball Sub. Asst. Com. V. Huntsville
May 15. 67. Ala. for investigation & report.

Relative to
Church.

5. 18. 67. Act. G.

N. D. Was. Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery May 18. 1867.

Respectfully referred to Act. Brig. Genl.
J. B. Ball Sub. Asst. Com. V. Huntsville
Ala. for investigation & report.

By Order of,
Maj. Genl. Wager. Swayne
O. D. Stuenkel
Sub. Asst. Com.

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Office B.R. P. & A. L.

Dist North Ala.

Nimbleville Ala. May 24 1867

Respectfully referred to Dno. R. Greene
Agt. B.R. P. & A. L. Tuscumbee Ala
for investigation & report. These papers
to be returned with report.

Dno B. Callis

St Brig Gen. & Sub. Asst Comm

B.R. P. & A. L.

Tuscumbee Ala

May 29 1867

Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen. Dno B. Callis
with the suggestion that an order be issued, that will
secure to both Congregations a right to worship and
hold schools in said building and the use of the same for
any charitable purpose.

J. W. Green agt B.R. P. & A. L.

Office B.R. P. & A. L.

Dist North Ala. May 31 1867

Respectfully returned to D. D. Finsman Sub. Asst
Comm. Attention invited to endorsement of J. W. Green
Agent at Tuscumbee which endorsement is thought
to be right and just to both parties.

Dno B. Callis

St Brig Gen. & Sub. Asst Comm

Sub. Asst Comm

B.R. P. & A. L.

Indorsement on

Letter of James

Argile Stinson

Ala. May 6. 67.

relative to removal

from office

of J. B. Ragsdale

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Head Q. V. 3rd Military District

Bureau of Civil Affairs

Atlanta Ga. May 14 1867

Respectfully referred to Maj Gen Hager Swayne
District of Alabama.

By Command of

St Brig Gen. John Pike

J. A. Williams

Col & Capt. of Bu Civil Affairs

Ad. Q. V. Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. May 20 1867

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen
J. B. Callis for investigation and report

By Order of

Maj Gen Hager Swayne

J. A. Williams

1st Lieut. W. S. D. & A. A. S.

Office Sub. Asst Comm.

Bureau B. P. & A. L.

Nimbleville Ala. May 24 1867

Respectfully referred to J. D. Mitchell
agt. B. R. P. & A. L. Jackson Co. Scatterbrook

Ala. for investigation and report.

These papers to be returned with report.

Dno B. Callis

St Brig Gen. Tol

Sub. Asst Comm.

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inducement on
see from Capt

Mr. Pick asking

transportation

freedom from

sums due to

Washington D.C.

Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Abandoned Slaves

Head Quarters Washington D.C. May 10th 1867

Respectfully returned to Capt Wm M. Pick of S. C. Social Dept S. C.

The parties for whom this application for transportation is made, are

not in the District of Columbia, they should be advised to apply to the agent

of the Bureau for the County in which they reside.

By order of

Col. Aug. H. Howard

William H. Rogers

U. S. A. General

continued

Office Social Dept S. C.

Washington May 10th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Capt W. M. Pick of S. C. Social Dept S. C. Alice Nelson

has heard from his son-in-law - for the reason that their application to the

Bureau office at Brunswick, for transportation has received no attention

W. M. Pick

Capt. 2^d W. S. Dept Social Dept.

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Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Abandoned Slaves

Head Quarters Washington D.C. May 10th 1867

Respectfully forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau of S. C. and A. S. attention

invited to the inducement of Capt Wm M. Pick of S. C. Social Dept S. C. dated

May 10th 1867.

Col. H. Howard Col. Aug. H. Howard

continued

New Dept Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Abandoned Slaves

Washington May 10th 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. Aug. H. Howard Wm M. Schittler of S. C. Commissioner

for transportation

By order of

Major H. O. O. Howard

W. O. Kilchum

U. S. A. General

NA

Continued

New Dept. Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Quarters Washington May 11th 1867
Respectfully referred to Maj. Gen. Wm. Swayne Act. Comr. for Alabama,
who will please cause investigation and report to be made as to the merits
of the within application
Attention is invited to the endorsement of Capt. W. M. Duke of Social
buff. S. L. and report requested as to the alleged neglect of the Bureau office
on duty at Tusculum. In returning these papers with report the Act. Com-
missioner will please endorse his approval or disapproval of the application
for transportation as the circumstances of the case may warrant.
By command of
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard Comr.
Wm. M. Whittelsey
Act. Asst. Comr.

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Head Quarters Sub. of Alabama,
Montgomery Ala. May 18th 1867
Respectfully referred to Act. Brig. Gen. J. B. Callis sub Act. Comr.
Montville Ala. for investigation and report in accordance with
endorsement of Act. Brig. Gen. W. M. Whittelsey Chief Q. M. Bureau
Rt and W. S. These papers to be returned.
By order of
Maj. Gen. Wm. Swayne
O. S. Kinerman
sub Act. Comr.

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Office Sub Act. Comr. Bureau Rt and W. S.
Montville Ala. May 24th 1867
Respectfully referred to John B. Green Agent Bureau of Refugee
Freedmen and Abandoned Lands for Lookout County at Tusculum Ala.
for investigation and full report. These papers to be returned with report.
John B. Callis
Act. Brig. Gen. sub Act. Comr.

See L. C. 2191-192

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NA

Endorsement
w papers referred
Bt Maj Jones
report on
Respectfully referred to Bt Maj Jones for
compliance with the within endorsement
Home belonging &c. These papers to be returned with his report.
Mr Raiming
Nashville Tenn

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Office Sub Act. Comr.
B. R. J. and A. L. and
Nashville May 24th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Bt Maj Jones for
compliance with the within endorsement
Home belonging &c. These papers to be returned with his report.
John B. Callis
Act. Brig. Gen. W. S. Vol
Sub. Act. Comr.

Nashville Ala. May 24th 1867
Respectfully returned to Act. Brig. Gen. J. B.
Callis with the information that the within
mentioned animal was delivered to Mrs.
Lindsay & Sons May 8th 1867. A telegram
from them received by me yesterday is
herewith enclosed.
Jno Jones.
1st Lt. 7th Regt. Vt. C.
and Act. Maj. W. S. V.

Continued

Office Sub. Act. Comr.
B. R. J. and A. L. and
May 24th 1867.
Respectfully forwarded to O. S. Kinerman
Sub. Act. Comr. Montgomery Ala. with atten-
tion invited to endorsement of Bt. Maj
Jones Jones.
John B. Callis
Act. Brig. Gen. W. S. Vol
Sub. Act. Comr.

Endorsement on letter in
petition requesting the
release of Dr. E. Collier

Doct. Doct. Ala. May 24th 1867

Respectfully returned to Sub. Gen. A. Collier with attention invited to
inclosed statement of witnesses and report of Referee.

J. F. Mitchell
C. O. Whitney

Continued

Office Sub. Asst. Comm. B. R. F. and A. L.

Monticello Ala. May 25th 1867

Respectfully returned to Sub. J. D. Longworth A. A. A. General
Montgomery Ala. with attention invited to report of J. F. Mitchell
and C. O. Whitney of Doct. Ala.

I have made strict and full inquiry into the case
and find the statements of all on whom I can rely, to corroborate
the statements set forth in the prayer of the petitioners, and believe
that justice and humanity demand its favorable consideration.

John B. Collier
Sub. Asst. Comm.
Sub. Asst. Comm.

Endorsement on
letter in regard
to assault and
battery.

S. R. 193. Book C.

Office Sub. Asst. Comm.

B. R. F. and A. L. Linder.

Monticello May 25th 1867.

Respectfully returned to J. D. Longworth A. A. A. General
B. R. F. and A. L. for Limestone Co. who will see
that the within named Freeman has justice
done him in the Civil Court, and to
report to this Office the name of any Civil
Officer or Court that fails or refuses to
administer even handed justice when
Freeman are brought before them.

By Order of the Commissioner
J. D. Jones
Sub. Asst. Comm. and

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Tuscambia Ala May 28th 1867

Respectfully returned to General Collier with (Permit) that
transportation be furnished And attention invited
to Certificate of Dolly Harris herewith inclosed.

J. N. Green A. A. R. and L.
Colbert County.

Continued

Office B. R. F. and A. L. Linder
Dist North Ala. Monticello Ala.

May 30th 1867

Respectfully returned with request that trans-
portation be furnished from Tuscambia Ala
to Wash. D. C. for the following named Loyal freed
men and family viz Joseph Harris Adult. And
Dolly Harris Dr. with 4 boys aged respectively
14, 9, 6, 2 years this family are very destitute
and partly living on the charity of the Govern-
ment. And are liable to become entirely depend-
ent upon the Government for support in con-
sequence of sickness. it is understood that they
have friends living at Washington D. C. who are
able and willing to support and care for this
unfortunate family. Attention is invited to
Certificate of Dolly Harris in regard to Conduct
of Mr. Dr. Green Freeman Agent at Tuscambia
Alabama.

J. D. Collier
Sub. Asst. Comm.
Sub. Asst. Comm.
Dist North Ala.

Endorsement on
William Richardson's
letter to Genl. Swayne
dated Athens May 1867
stating that B. Read
had a mule taken
from him during the
War & that a suit was
instituted in Justice
Court by Read vs.
Calvin.

Continued

Head 2nd Dist of Ala
Montgomery Ala May 23/67
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig General J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala for
report
By order of Maj Genl. Swayne
C. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comr

Office Sub Asst Comr
B. B. F. & A. L. Dist North Ala
June 1st 1867

Respectfully returned to C. D. Kinsman Sub
Asst Comr Montgomery Ala with
information that both parties have been heard
in this case and the conclusion arrived
at by me was that the mule was the property
of B. Read a truly Loyal man. And that the
said mule had been taken from him by the
other party a notorious Bushwhacker
and Robber and that the Civil Authorities
refused to give Read Justice it is not to
be wondered at that the said Calvin wished
to get it before his particular friends and
partners in blood and theft. The whole then taken
all that Read had and left him destitute and
would take his life to dry if they dared to do so. Nothing
but the Bayonet suggests to their minds a safe
course.

J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl & Sub Asst Comr
Dist North Ala

Endorsement on
D. M. Elliott's
letter to Genl. B.
Callis asking pay
for transportation
furnished for Gov
Corn & Bacon

S. R. 2103 Box "C"

Office Sub Asst Comr B. B. F. & A. L.
Huntsville Ala June 3rd 1867
Respectfully returned with the information that
such bills as the enclosed cannot be paid at
this office as the goods were shipped from some
other point. I am advised that a part of said
supplies were shipped from Atlanta Ga. I
know nothing about the shipment from that
point. An itemized Bill must be made on the
enclosed form in duplicate and sent to
Colonel Edwin Beecher, Districting Officer at
Montgomery Ala. The agent W. S. C. Nunnally
must fill up and sign the form (22) as agent
of the B. B. F. & A. L. for Bacon and Cherokee
Counties. These vouchers must be accompanied
by the Original Bill of Lading to insure payment.
In itemizing the Bill of Charges you should state
the number of sacks of Corn and number
of Casks and pounds of Bacon and the rates
of Charges against each item. It must also be
stated that the transportation was furnished the
Bureau B. B. F. & A. L. Supplies of the U. S. Govt
shipped for the destitute of these Counties.

J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl & Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
Petition of W.P.
Clayton relating
to a New York and
Certain Lands

Continued.

Montgomery Ala May 15 1867

Respectfully forwarded to Major General
Wager Swaine for his Official action
D. B. Callis.

Ad. Cps Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala May 22 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis
for an expression of his opinion on the merits of
this Case and such additional information as he
may have.

By Order of
Major Gen Wager Swaine
D. H. Williams
1st Lt. U.S.A.

Continued

Office Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis
Montgomery Ala June 4 1867

Respectfully returned to D. H. Williams 1st Lt. U.S.A. with information that careful inquiry has
been made into the merits of the within Case and that
to my judgement. Justice to Mrs Clayton would seem
to demand the benefit of the the award of the arbitrator
and from what I know of the Civil administration of
the Law I am satisfied he will be protected on
account of his political views to an extent that
would jeopardize his hope of Justice from the local
authorities

Jno B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen U.S.
Sub Asst Com

Endorsement on
Affidavit of Mary
Dones and
aid of military
authorities to secure
property.

Ad. Cps Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala May 20 67

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis
for investigation and report. Please notify Mrs. Dones
of this reference. Her address is not known at this
Office

By Order of
Major Gen Wager Swaine
D. H. Williams
1st Lt. U.S.A.

Continued.

Office Sub Asst Com Bt Brig Gen
Montgomery Ala June 4 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieutenant D. H. Williams
and J. Montgomery Ala with the information that
this Case came under my immediate notice during
the first investigation of the Case before a Justice of the
Peace. The party in whose possession the mule in question
was found, gave a bond for the forthcoming of the property
on the day of final hearing in the Case. This was
all done in pursuance of Law. But on the day set for
the hearing the holder of the mule (party defendant)
found that his Case was hopeless and immediately dis-
engaged the animal from the team and left him on its
back. The authorities were notified of the fact in time
to rescue the property had they been so disposed. But
the Sheriff allowed the man and mule to pass over in-
to Tennessee which ended the Case here and caused
the Affidavit of Mrs Dones. These are facts that came
under my own observation and I can only attribute
the result to a combined effort on the part of Legal
gentlemen and Local Officers. In fact such cases

Continued.

are by no means uncommon in North Ala. The
 Lady (Plaintiff) is said to have been truly loyal
 during the war and is so at this time. In short I
 state that unless a more rigid military rule is
 inaugurated and loyal men placed in civil office
 there will be no security for life, person or property
 of loyal men

J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl U.S. Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on

Petition of Citizens of Jackson Co. Ala. to take the
 Whiffles asks leave of the authorities
 of Jackson Co. Ala. to take the 1/2 part of the
 ground the way ground. Asking that authority
 as toll for grinding. I hope it will be granted
 to graduate Wallace there if possible so to do.
 Whiffles to take 1/2
 of the grain the way
 ground as toll.

N. J. Mitchele J.P.

Office B. R. N. & A. L.

Dist North Ala June 5 '87

Respectfully forwarded to Major Genl Wagon Swayne
 Assistant Commissioner for his action

J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl U.S.

Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on

B. R. N. & A. L.

Dist North Ala June 5 '87

Respectfully referred to Mr. B. C. Hollifield with the

information that the claim of Sarah Swayne was

forwarded to Washington Jan 24 '87. and as yet there

has been no return made to this office.

The money when received will be paid to her promptly.

J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl U.S.

Sub Asst Comr

Office Sub Asst Commissioner

B. R. N. & A. L. Dist North Alabama

Huntsville Ala June 5 '87.

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J. B. Callis

Bt Brig Genl U.S.

Sub Asst Comr

Mr Jones

Bt Major Genl

Asst.

Endorsement on Respectfully referred to Major General Wagon
 communication of Swayne. I know Mr. Bett. well. He is a
 P. Bett. about. A man reliable gentleman.
 Bay man.

R. M. Patton

Governor of Alabama

Head Quarters Dist Alabama

Montgomery Ala June 4 '87

Continued.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Genl
 J. B. Callis Sub Asst Comr Huntsville
 Alabama for report.

By Order of
 Major Genl Wagon Swayne
 J. D. Kinsman
 Sub Asst Comr.

Continued -

Gen. Cases -
Reports.

Office Sub. Asst. Comd. B. & A. L.
Dist. Hqs. Ala. Huntsville at present
Col. O. D. Kneeman
Sub. Asst. Comd. &c
Montgomery Ala.
Col.

I have the honor
to transmit to my report in this case the
following statement by

Some time in May 1867, a colored man
calling his name O. Blackburne came
to my office for relief. Stating that one
E. Bett, of Madison Station had taken
from his possession a certain Bay mare
which he had asked his Brother in Nashville
to purchase and send him. That the mare
was bought in Nashville by his Bro. and
sent to him by R.R. as per paper &
bill of sale exhibited.

I then called on Mr. Bett to test the right
of property. I met him one day and
he was very insulting in his language
saying that the Yankee army had
stolen the mare from him during the
war and now that he had her he in-
tended to keep her. I then issued the
order he speaks of in his letter and
notified the man who bought her out
of the Government. Cared in Nashville
them to appear and give evidence in
the case which he never did until
May 20. 1867. And on hearing his name

clearly, proving that he had bought the mare
and sent her to his Bro. by R.R. as above
stated and in recitation of Bill of sale.
During the whole process in Mr. B's letter
which I am informed he still refuses to
obey. I have no doubt but the animal
was captured from Bett during the war
as thousands of animals were taken from
Rebels like himself but I have yet to
learn that the Government had a right
to seize such property sell it to innocent
purchasers and then allow such men
as this Bett, to take it as his property
under the claim that it had passed into
the hands of the "Yankee" army by capture.
As to his trial of the rights of property &
his statements as to Tour Commission. The
whole statement is a fabrication and upon
the honor of an Officer and a Gentleman
is as false as the Cause of Mr. B. Harbey
during & since the war. He is one of the
most troublesome Rebels in north Ala.
And I hope I may receive an order
either Confirming or disapproving my Course
in the case at an early day. as I am
told that he defies me and the military and
only speaks of the U. S. Government in
terms of derision.

In 2 days

Jno B. Hallis
1st Brig Gen U.S.V.
Sub Asst Comd.

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Office Sub. Asst. Comr BRD + AL
Huntsville Ala June 8/7

Respectfully returned attention invited to the
within report.

Jno B. Callis

Brig Gen W. S. + Asst.

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Office of the agent for Cherokee + Barrie Co's
Approved and Respectfully forwarded to Gen

J B Callis.

April 22nd 1867.

S. C. Nesbitt agent

Continued

Respectfully returned to Br Gen B. Callis
I am directed by Major General Swayne today
that at the time these services were rendered the
Bureau did not pay for charges of this char-
acter.

Montgomery

June 10, 1867

O. Beecher

Sutby Officer

Continued

Office Sub. Asst. Comr BRD + AL.

Sut No also Huntsville Ala June 17/7

Respectfully returned to Col. Edwin Rucker for
Explanation as to conflict between Letter of Trans-
mittal and Enclosed papers the Wells account
has been paid please return all papers with
Endorsement to Sut care.

Jno B. Callis

Brig Gen W. S.

Sub. Asst. Comr

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Endorsement on
Letter of C. C. Gemin.

Br. BR. 244 and C.

Office Sub. Asst. Comr BRD and A. L.

Huntsville Ala June 19th 1867

Respectfully returned to Col. C. C. Gemin and BRD
and A. L. with the information that the within case should
be properly be decided before a Civil Tribunal. In all
Cases of this nature it is the duty of agents of the Bureau
to observe and report any failure of the Courts to give
the President Justice.

By Order of

Br. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis S. O. C.

Sam. D. Jones

Br. Major and Asst.

Office Sub. Asst. Comr Dist No. also

Huntsville Ala. June 19th 1867

Endorsement on
Letter of Dakota Office

Respectfully forwarded to Mr. Kinsman Sub. Asst.
Comr. with recommendation that transportation be
furnished for the within mentioned Colonel and his family
from Kansas Ala to the Insane Hospital at Tuscaloosa Ala
as requested by Mr. Coffey.

Jno B. Callis

Br. Brig Gen + S. A. C.

165.

Endorsement on
Letter of R. Milton

See S. R. 2 v. 6.

1867.

Office Sub. Dist. No. Ala.
Huntsville Ala. June 20/67
Respectfully referred to Col. C. C. Lewis of P. R. R.
for Lawrence County Ala. with the information that
his instructions from the Sub. Dist. Com. relative to the
Subject of the within letter must be observed.

By Order of
Genl. Leallis
Bt Brig Genl. D. S. & C. A. C.
D. M. Jones. Bt Maj
asst.

Office Sub. Dist. Com. P. R. R. A. S.
Huntsville Ala. June 20/67
Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman Sub. Dist. Com.
attention invited to report of Bt Maj D. M. Jones
D. M. B. Leallis
Bt Brig Genl. D. S. & C. A. C.
Sub. Dist. Com. P. R. R. A. S.

166.

Endorsement on
Letter of J. M.
Griffin. Relation
affair between
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala. for investigation and report
of J. M. Harris
himself.

Head Qrs. Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery, Ala. June 19/67
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Genl. D. B. Callis.
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala. for investigation and report
By Order of Maj Gen
H. S. Snayne.
O. D. Kinsman
Sub. Dist. Com.

Report of Bt Maj Bt Brig Genl. D. B. Callis
D. M. Jones. Sub. Dist. Com. P. R. R. A. S.
Ala. above.

Huntsville Ala. June 22/67
General.

I have read
the accompanying letter addressed to S. J. W.
Sykes re the signature of J. M. Grapfelton and
have the honor to report that after Maj Grapfelton
requested me to take charge of the crop (Col. Selford)
I have and asked permission as administrator
of the estate of J. Harris to ship a lot of cotton
then ready for market he assuring me that the
hands would be paid and knowing that there
was still cotton enough left on the plantation to
meet the demands of the balance. I informed him
that I could not object to his shipping cotton
but would hold enough to pay the hands. In
the mean time it was not decided by an arbitra-
tion that the crop should be equally divided
between Grapfelton and Harris estate.
Maj Grapfelton informed me that he had
a lot of cotton & figs for which he said he had

applied towards paying in part certain
 notes he had given Treasurers for borrowed
 money and afterwards commenced hauling
 it away I ordered him not to do so until
 I had done so for the reason that he had
 promised me that he would apply its value
 at whatever the lot might be appraised to-
 wards paying the notes mentioned. Owing to
 some personal difficulty with Ashford. Maj
 Goodfellow did not give the business his personal
 attention. But did everything through a Mr
 Milton a Brother-in-law the Can and as a
 was appraised by disinterested persons and
 the Treasurers who held his notes positively re-
 fused to accept it at what it was appraised.
 and in the presence of Mr. Milton I told them
 then that I would have nothing more to do
 with the matter and told Mr Milton to
 say to Maj Goodfellow that he might do what
 he pleased with it as to hauling any of
 it away and to my stable I know that no-
 thing of the kind was done. The arrange-
 ment with Col Ashford to give and bale the
 Cotton was made by myself and Mr Milton and
 was Goodfellow's own proposition. I was seen
 before the Evening was completed and I pre-
 sented my Successor Mr Dixon with a statement of
 amount due the hands and told him to secure
 it out of the crop then on hand being more
 than half of the amount raised.
 I am satisfied that the Bureau has done
 all in its power to protect the Treasurers

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Endorsement on
D. McKimmon

Relation to an
order of Maj Beckett

and I know of just cause of complaint that
 Goodfellow can make unless it is his failure to pay
 the poor Treasurers what he has borrowed from
 them in clean cash & speculate and make a
 fortune or as he gave them to understand he would
 leaving them after a years hard labor without a cent.
 I am General
 Very Respectfully,
 Your Obedient Servant
 Jno Jones
 1st Lt. 72nd C. Ill. Major U.S.V.

Office Sub. Asst. Com. B.R. & A.L.
 Huntsville Ala. Jan 22 1867
 Respectfully referred to O.D. Kinsman S.A.C.
 & attention invited to report of Bt. Maj. Jones.
 Jno B. Callis
 Bt. Brig. Gen. U.S.V.
 Sub. Asst. Com. B.R. & A.L.
 Office B.R. & A.L.
 Huntsville Ala. Jan 25 1867

Respectfully returned to A.D. McKimmon through Maj Beckett
 with the information that this case was
 referred to this office in the first instance and referred from this office
 referred to Maj Beckett for specially attention he has taken in the
 premises. it must be understood by Mr McKimmon and others that
 the ^{challenging the} Matthew how Antagonistic elements of the Country may appear
 the Military and Bureau Officers will do harmonize their Official
 Actions that bring about no conflict in their Orders. Major Beckett
 Order is a just one and must be obeyed and if he corrects
 Judgements he is willing to abide the issue

Jno B. Callis
 Bt. Brig. Gen. U.S.V.
 Sub. Asst. Com.
 B.R. & A.L.

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Continued from
Page 168Montgomery Ala June 20th 1867Respectfully returned to St. Brig Genl J. A. Kallis. I am directed
by H. L. Duane to say that at the time these services were rendered
the Bureau did not pay charges of the character

E. Beecher

Subj officer

Office Sub Asst. Com B.R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala June 23rd 1867

Continued

Respectfully returned to St. L. Duane with attention invited
to the endorsement of E. Beecher Subj officer

Jno B Kallis

St. Brig Genl

Endowment on
Kusman's
immigrationSt. 25th

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Office Sub Asst. Com B.R. & A. S.

Dist. not North Alabama

Huntsville Ala June 25th 1867Respectfully referred to Major Occleston Commanding
Post with request that if possible a detail of
an officer for the duty indicated within be made.
Please return these papers with action enameled.

Jno B Kallis

St. Brig Genl St. and

Sub. Asst. Com B.R. & A. S.

Dist. Ala.

Head Qrs Post of Huntsville

Huntsville Ala June 25th 1867

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Respectfully returned to St. Brig Gen John B. Kallis
Sub. Asst. Com B. R. Paul A. S. recommending
the name of Lieut. John G. S. White for the duties
named within.

W. B. Occleston

Capt 33rd Inf. St. Maj. U. St.

Commanding Post.

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Enclosed in
Letter of D. S. Sheffield
relative to his report
for May 1867.

Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. R. D. & A. L.
Dist. No. 10. Ala. Huntsville at June 29/67
Respectfully returned to D. S. Sheffield at B. R. D. & A. L.
Marshall Co. Ala. with information that the report sent
him on the 18th inst. for signature has not been recd at this
Office. The report is absolutely needed to follow Consolidation
report forwarded to H. B. Arthur actg at Montgomery Ala.
of supplies recd & issued by agts in Dist No. 10. It
is hoped that Mr. Sheffield will give this matter his im-
mediate attention as he is the only agent in the Dist who
has failed to forward the report in the prescribed time &
form.

See R 2616

J. W. Jones
Bt Major
actg Sub. Asst. Com

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Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. R. D. & A. L.
Huntsville Ala June 30/67

Respectfully referred to Mr. M. Gillbreath at B. R. D. & A. L. Dist
Co. Ala. whose attention is invited to statement of Hollingsworth
& Moragne. Mr. Gillbreath will investigate the matter as to the
correctness of the accounts and report to this office without
delay all the information he can pertaining to the same
and why the stores of Fort Stovall have been permitted to remain
for so long a time in Warehouse without his action or the
attention of this office being called to the matter by him.

J. W. Jones
Bt Major
actg Sub. Asst. Com
B. R. D. & A. L. Dist No. 10

Continued

Respectfully returned to Gen. D. B. Hallis with
statements of the facts enclosed.
M. M. Gillbreath

See, Dist. 81.

Office Sub. Asst. Com. B. R. D. & A. L.
Dist No. 10. Ala. Huntsville Ala July 29/67

Respectfully returned to D. S. Kinsman Sub. Asst. Com
Montgomery Ala. attention invited to within Report
D. B. Hallis
Bt Brig. Gen. actg.
Sub. Asst. Com. & C.

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Endorsement
on letter of

Billy Mancus Respectfully referred to C. C. Sheath agent B.R. & A.L. relative to business who will give the matter reference within his immediate attention return him and these papers to be returned with a report of his action in the Dr. Stuart's premises.

See L.B. 264. C.

Office Sub asst. Com B.R. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala June 30 1867

John Jones
Bt Brig Genl.

Sub asst. Com B.R. & A.L.
Dist No. 1 Ala.

Office B.R. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala July 10 1867

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Maj. Genl. Jones
asst. acty Com B.R. & A.L. No. 1 Ala.

Dear Sir:

The within case referred to me for action has been settled by W. King a claim on Dr. Stuart's crops & houses &c. In obedience to an order received from Genl. Callis some weeks ago.

Yours Respectfully, &c

C. C. Sheath

Ag't B. R. & A.L. Montgomery

MA 14070 (9-87)

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Endorsement on
letter re of S.L.

Head Qrs. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 21 1867
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Genl. J. B. Ballis Sub
Genl. Sidding - Asst Com. Huntsville Ala. for report.
By Order of Maj. Geo. Hays Snagard
O. S. Kineman
Sub asst. Com.

See L.B. 264. C.

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Office Sub asst. Com B.R. & A.L.
Dist No. 1 Ala. Huntsville Ala June 30 1867
Respectfully referred to Capt. Gilbreath ag't B.R. & A.L. for S. Hall Co. Ala. attention invited to within letter & affidavit. Capt. Gilbreath will report to this office with the least possible delay his action in the matter. These papers to be returned with report.

John Jones
Bt Brig Genl.
Sub asst. Com
B.R. & A.L. Dist No. 1 Ala.

Office Sub asst. Com B.R. & A.L. Huntsville

Dist No. 1 Ala. Huntsville Ala July 10 1867

Respectfully returned to O. S. Kineman Sub asst. Com. Huntsville
Montgomery Ala. Attention invited to report of W. B. Gilbreath
herewith endorsed.

John Kineman
Bt Brig Genl.
Sub asst. Com &c

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Endorsement on
Petition of the
Col people of
Columbia al Sub Asst. Com
relation to removal
of Mr Green &
Norman.

Head Qrs Dist Alabama

Montgomery al. June 20th 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis al
Huntsville al for report.

By Order of Maj Gen H. S. Swayne

O. D. Kinson

Sub Asst Com

Office Sub Asst Com BRD & A

Dist No. 10 al. Huntsville al. July 3rd 1867

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Respectfully referred to O. D. Kinson Sub Asst Com
with the information that Gen Ballis is absent on leave of
absence and that nothing appears on the records of this
office to show that Mr. Green has acted in any other
manner than as a fair honest impartial agent and
that I have on several occasions heard Gen Ballis speak
in the highest terms of Mr. Green's efficiency.

J. M. Jones

St Maj Gen S. S. Swayne

Sub Asst Com BRD & A

See BR 242.

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Endorsements on claims

Turner Curley M. C. H.

"U. S. Drums" who was
killed & sold.

a discharge & must be

allowed to be

transmitted to

Turner Curley

War Department Adj. Gen. Office

Washington D. C. June 22nd 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Maj Gen John Pope. Comd 3rd Military Dist.
Atlanta Ga. for his action under circular from this office of Sept 23rd
1865 a copy of which is herewith.

Attention is invited to enclosed memoranda from the
Rolls in the case of Turner Curley Washington Curley and
Peter Can.

By Order of the Secretary of War
C. A. Foster

A. A. Green

Head Qrs Third Military Division

Atlanta Ga. June 15th 1867.

Respectfully referred to General Swayne.

The only means of securing this man's pay seems to be
compliance with Order # 4 and of printed circular letter
enclosed of which he can better be notified through your
head quarters.

It would seem to be necessary for him to deliver him-
self into the hands of the Military authority and stand a trial
in order to establish the fact in case.

By Command of

St Maj Gen John Pope

C. N. Swanson

Capt. 35th U. S. Infy A. A. G.

Head Qrs District of Alabama

Montgomery al. June 19th 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis al
for transmission to Turner Curley.

By Order of

Maj Gen H. S. Swayne

O. D. Kinson

Sub Asst Com

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Office Sub. Asst Com. B.R.T. & A.L.
Huntersville Ala July 3 '67

Respectfully forwarded to Mr. W. Gilbreath Capt
B.R.T. & A.L. for Det. Capt. with the direction that
the within papers be transmitted to Turner, briefly in
Compliance with Encoment of Ordnance Sub
Asst Com. Montgomery also.

Geo. Jones
Bt Maj. U.S.V.
Acty Sub. Asst Com.
B.R.T. & A.L. Dist. No. 1

Endowment on
letter of Mrs
Mary A. Sparks
relative to her
Husband's absence
Supposed to be killed
by his enemies.
See SR. 274.

Office B.R.T. & A.L.
Huntersville Ala July 4 '67

Respectfully referred to Capt. T. L. Smith of B.R.T. & A.L.
Det. Capt. for investigation and report then papers to be
returned with report.

Geo. Jones
Bt Maj. U.S.V.
Acty Sub. Asst Com.
Dist. No. 1

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Office Sub. Asst Com. B.R.T. & A.L.
Huntersville Ala July 5 '67

Respectfully returned to Mr. J. M. Elliott with the information
that the papers pertaining to this matter have been forwarded
to SR 276. 6 to D. C. Turrentine with the action of the sub. Asst Com. chosen.

Geo. Jones
Bt Maj. U.S.V.
Acty Sub. Asst Com.
Dist. No. 1

Office B.R.T. & A.L. Huntersville Ala
July 8 '67

Respectfully returned with the information that the claim
referred to within was forwarded to Washington May 9 '67
and has not yet been paid when return is received at
this office. Mrs. Sugars will receive immediately notice.

Geo. Jones
Bt Maj. U.S.V.
Acty Sub. Asst Com.
Dist. No. 1

Endorsement on
Communication

of S Robinson
Cash - relative
to a room for
Office of Branch
Office of S & D Co.,

Head Qrs. Dist of Alabama B & A S
Montgomery Ala July 6th 1867.
Respectfully referred to the Sub asst. Commissioner
at Huntsville Ala. who will estimate \$10.00 per month
for the work mentioned. room from date of hiring to
include the month of June. This sent will hereafter
be included in the regular monthly estimate unless the
Banks can be accommodated in rooms already sent in
by the T. L.

By Order of Maj Gen Swanwick
O D Kinsman
Sub asst Com

Endorsement on
Settlement of
a Prize relative
to the leaving down
of the U.S. Flag
from his office.

Office Sub asst. Com B & A S
Dist Ho Ala Huntsville Ala July 12th 1867
Respectfully forwarded to the Sub asst Com at
Montgomery Ala for his information.

Mrs Jones
Bt Maj USV
actg Sub asst Com

Endorsement on
Communication of
Capt W H Kinsman
relative to discharge
of Thornton
Capt.

Bureau B & A S State of Tennessee
Office asst Com Nashville June 5th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Maj Gen Paul Hagen Swanwick
asst Com for the State of Alabama. Montgomery Ala. who
will please communicate through this office the information
desired.

W P. Harlin
Bt Maj Gen USA & asst Com

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Head Qrs Dist Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 11th 1867
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Hallis sub asst
Com Huntsville Ala for report
By Order of Maj Gen Hagen Swanwick
O D Kinsman
Sub asst Com

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Office Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS
Dist Nor alba Huntsville Ala July 17 1867

Respectfully returned to O D Kinsman Sub Asst Comd
Montgomery Ala with the discharge paper referred to
within herewith enclosed

No Ines
BT Maj up acty
Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS
Dist Nor alba.

Endorsement of
Letter of Mr Fowler
C. G. G. relative
to declaration of
Francis Barnett
J. 44 Nov 1867

Adm Gen Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala July 15 1867

Respectfully referred to the Sub Asst Comd at Huntsville Ala

By order of Maj Gen Hager Swayne
S D Kinsman
Sub Asst Comd

Office Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS
Dist Nor alba Huntsville Ala July 18 1867

Respectfully returned to O D Kinsman Sub Asst Comd Montgomery
Ala with new application

No Ines
BT Maj up acty
Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS

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Office Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS

Dist Nor alba Huntsville Ala July 20 1867

Endorsement on letter
of Mr F. Downing
acting for statement
of B & C. Quarter ending
June 1867.

Respectfully returned to Maj Gen F. Downing with information that
the 1st B & C Statement required of this office for 2nd Quarter ending
June 30 1867. have been rendered accompanied with my returns sent
through your office for month of June 1867. Your letter calls for statement
for 3rd Quarter. It is thought some mistake exists in your office in relation
therein. As the 3rd Quarter does not expire on the 30th day of June. We have
retained copies on file in this office of 1st & 2nd Quarters 1867 and if we can
render any assistance by duplicating them we will do so on your request.

No S. Allen
BT Brig Gen W. S. W. S. W.
Sub Asst Comd Huntsville

Office Sub Asst Comd BRT & AS

Dist Nor alba Huntsville Ala July 20 1867

Endorsement on
letter of Mr Lawrence
relative to articles pawned
at Huntsville house
for board.

Respectfully returned to Mr Lawrence with the information that I have caused an investigation of the within case
and have ascertained that the Hotel Bill for which the articles were pawned
to be \$25.00. The watch and chain is supposed to be worth \$60.00. The gun
\$20.00 or \$25.00. The proprietor states that he will deliver them on payment
of bill and his release of any responsibility to the townsmen.

No S. Allen
BT Brig Gen W. S. W. S. W.
Sub Asst Comd
Dist Nor alba.

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Endorsement on letter
of Maj W. Fowler at
Endorsement discharge papers
of Elijah Higgins.
Claim for bounty allowed.
See 54 795.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala July 11/67

Respectfully referred to Sub Asst Commissioner at Huntsville Ala

By Order of Major Wager Swaine

O. S. Kinsman

Sub Asst Comm

Endorsement on letter
of Maj W. Fowler at
Endorsement discharge papers
of Paul Mathews
Claim allowed.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala July 13/67

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen D. B. Ballie Sub Asst Comm at
Huntsville Ala who will acknowledge receipt of discharge

By Order of Major Wager Swaine

O. S. Kinsman

Sub Asst Comm

Head qrs. Dept of Georgia

Macon Ga July 7/67

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst Comm B&S & S of Mr. Joshi
information

G. B. Dikley

Col 16th U.S. Comd

Head qrs Dist of Alabama

Montgomery July 7/67

Respectfully referred to H. C. Arthur Comms of Subsistence
Montgomery Ala.

By Order of Major Wager Swaine

O. S. Kinsman

Sub Asst Comm

Head qrs Dist Ala Office: G. B. Dikley

Montgomery Ala July 22/67

Respectfully referred to Gen D. B. Ballie Sub Asst Comm Huntsville
Ala for investigation & report

By Order of Major Wager Swaine

H. C. Arthur ACS Bureau

Office B&S & S Sands

Huntsville Ala July 25/67

Respectfully returned to Capt W. C. Arthur ACS Montgomery
Ala with information that the supplies referred to in the Encl were
supplies contributed by benevolent societies in the north
and sent direct to the Probate Judges of the different Counties.
I have no knowledge or control of or over their issues further than
what my observation has taught me but am satisfied that these goods
or supplies have been shamefully squandered and the credits
done much abused. The Bureau is however innocent responsible for
them.

D. B. Ballie

St. Louis Mo.

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Endorsement on
letter of A. A. Howell

Office OAS & S.

Kentville also July 26 1867.

Respectfully returned to Mr A. A. Howell with request that he
ascertain the amount due Dick Martin for services rendered last
year and pay said Dick out of any monies due call by him

Thos Jones

St May 26

See SR. 308. "6"

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Judge Dick of Mr A. A. OAS & S.

Montgomery also July 22 1867

Respectfully returned to St May Jones Subst. Court for
report also what action has been taken in relation to this man's claim

On order of Mark H. Hager Esq.

OAS & S.

Subst. Court

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Kentville New July 23 1867.

Respectfully returned to Anglen & B. Lewis with the information that
Chapel will pay the hotel bill on condition that the gun and watch
are delivered to you. to be held subject to his claims upon Starkman. If the
Hotel keeper will deliver Chapel will send you the money also his debt
against Starkman for legal advice & decision. I see no other way for
him to secure his pay and property. Do you hold a Court or must the
claim be adjudicated before a Magistrate

Thos Lawrence.

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Office Subst. Court OAS & S. Subst. Court also
Kentville also July 26 1867

Respectfully returned with the information that it seems from the
evidence that the gun belongs to the Boy but was pawned by his uncle
to settle Starkman's Hotel bill. If the money \$25 is paid to the Landlord
and he is released from further trouble in the premises the articles will
be forthcoming. I think it would be well for him to attach the watch
& chain that would take it out of the hands of Landlord, and leave
him harmless or preclude the possibility of trouble from Starkman
I shall be pleased to serve you in any way I can in the premises

Thos B. Lewis

At Anglen & B.

Subst. Court OAS & S.

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Endorsement on
Letter of Mr. Deane
Endorsement from Mr. Deane
for James E. King

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama B.R. & L.
Montgomery Ala. July 22 1867
Respectfully referred to Subst. Comm. at Huntsville Ala.
By order of Maj Gen Hager Duane.
O. D. Kinsman
Subst. Comm.

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Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Huntsville Ala. July 22
Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman Subst. Comm. and
the information that no action has been taken relative to the
within case. For the very good reason that Mr. Readford has
never appeared before me with suitable identifying witnesses
his discharge having been left in my hands for safe keeping
until such time as he might appear with proper witnesses
and have his claim made out and forwarded.
Jm Jones
1st Lt. & Adj. Gen.

Endorsement on letter
Jm Mack Mosely
Deputy at Decatur
Dr. B. Collins relative
to my deposited frequent occurrence of disatisfactory action at
hands of Mr. Mosely Deatur seems to show a dereliction of duty on the
part of Mr. Schult's or some of his Subs. Mr. S.
will make a full report of his action in the future
Commencing with his first act in the premises
Jm B. Collins
B. Wright
1st Lt. & Adj. Gen.

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Endorsement on
of John Jones
Resignation

Office Subst. Comm. Bureau at and W. L.
Huntsville Ala. Aug. 5th 1867
Respectfully forwarded approved for the good of the service
John B. Lane
At. Brig. Gen.
Subst. Comm.

Endorsement on
H.M. Whittlesey's
letter relative
to Property of
for May 1867.

See L.R. 11
Book 1

Office Chf. of M. B.B. & A.S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 5.
Respectfully forwarded to Bt Brig Gen J. Callis
Sub Asst Comd Huntsville Ala and his attention
invited there.
Geo J. Browning
Bt Major & Lt. A. & G. M.
Chf of M. B.B. & A.S. State of Ala.

Endorsement on
H.M. Whittlesey's
letter relative to
Property of for
June 1867.

See L.R. 11
Book 1

Office Chf. of M. B.B. & A.S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 5.
Respectfully forwarded to Bt Brig Gen J. Callis
Sub Asst Comd and his attention invited there.
Geo J. Browning
Bt Major & Lt. A. & G. M.
Chf of M. B.B. & A.S. State of Ala.

Endorsement on
J. L. Morgan's
Petition
at also asking for
+ J. L. Morgan's
liberation
Huntsville Ala. Aug 13 1867.
Respectfully returned with information that we have
J. L. Morgan's letter not got the articles called for at this place all
asking for sums we have is used for the Post should be pleased
to accommodate you but cannot.
Callis.

P.S.
Enclosed I hand you check for \$8.12 for your
pay for June & July 67. Please acknowledge
receipt.
J. B. Lacey
Bt Brig Gen &c

See L.R. 24
Book 1

Endorsement on
J. L. Morgan's
Petition
at also asking for
+ J. L. Morgan's
liberation

See L.R. 11
Book 24

Office B.B. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala. Aug 14 67.
Respectfully referred to the Commanding officer
Port of Huntsville for his action in the premises.
Jno B. Lacey
Bt Brig Gen &c
Sub Asst Comd B.A. & A.S.

Endorsement on
J. L. Morgan's
Petition
at also asking for
+ J. L. Morgan's
liberation

See L.R. 11
Book 28

Ad. Gen. B.B. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala. Aug 14 67.
Respectfully returned to Lewis Stutten and
others with the information that no vacancies
exist at present. If any should exist in
future I shall take pleasure in forwarding your
recommendations as it comes from the right
source.
Jno B. Lacey
Bt Brig Gen &c
Sub Asst Comd

Endorsement on
Communication of

Respectfully referred to Maj Gen W. Swaine
reference to Freedmen Asst Com of Alabama, who will please remedy
affair exposed in the evils complained of as far as possible, if
that portion of they are found as related
Alabama.

See 21 111

War Dept. P. O. & A. S.

Washington D.C. Aug 12 1867.

By Order of
Maj Gen O. O. Howard
A. P. Ketchum
A. A. A. Genl.

Ad. Gen. Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Aug 16 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Com Huntsville Ala for his
remarks

By Order of Maj Gen
Wager Swaine
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Com

Office Sub Asst Com P. O. & A. S.
Dist Ala Huntsville Ala

Aug 19 1867.

Respectfully referred to O. D. Kinsman Sub
Asst Com Montgomery Ala with the remarks
that cases like the one referred to are coming
to my notice daily it cannot be denied that
gross outrages of this nature are practiced
on Freedmen. I issue orders write letters and
use every means at my Command to have my
orders strictly adhered to and the "Rebels"

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use every means in their power to evade the
orders or instructions sent by me or other Post A.
Officers. A General Order to cover the case
defining my power to have orders executed issued
to of great assistance to me and do much good
to the Country. There is no use of sending such
cases to the Civil Courts as Justice is invariably
denied the Freedmen there.

Ans. B. Callis
St Brig Gen Wager Swaine
Sub Asst Com P. O. & A. S.
Dist Ala

Nead. Gen. Dist of Alabama P. O. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 17 1867

Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen J. B. Callis Sub
Asst Com who will estimate for such supplies as
are necessary in accordance with Circular from the
office of the Chf G. M. upon the approval of such
estimate the necessary order will be issued monthly.

By Order of
Maj Gen Wager Swaine
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Com

Endorsement on
the of Gen J. B. Callis
to O. D. Kinsman
relative to the purchase
of Wood. oil &c
monthly

See 21 104

Endorsement on letter
relative to the claim
of Clara Acklyn Mosher
of Houston Co. Ala.
C. & 12th U. S. B. S.

Head Quarters Dist of Ala. P. O. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug. 17th 1867
Respectfully referred to Lt. Aug. Com. J. P. Callis Sub
Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.

By Order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayze
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comr

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Office Sub Asst Comr P. O. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Aug. 21/67

Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman Sub Asst Comr
Montgomery Ala. Attention invited to enclosed
affidavit.

Jm P. Callis
Lt. Brig Genl. &c

See D. R. 48 D.

Endorsement on
letter relative to the
claim of Benjamin
Hammond.
allowed.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Aug 19th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Lt. Brig Genl J. P. Callis
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. who will
acknowledge receipt of communication and
discharge.

By Order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayze.
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
letter of M. H.
Buckshank D. C.
relative to Gov.
Patton sending
money to pay for
transportation of
supplies to the
different Counties
in Genl. Callis
Dist.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office A. S. & Bureau
Montgomery Ala. Aug 10th 1867

Respectfully referred to Genl J. P. Callis Sub Asst
Comr Huntsville Ala. for his information. No
provisions having been made by the Govt for the
transportation of Relief Supplies from principal
depots to Counties, the State and Counties will
assume the necessary expenses thereof.

See D. R. 55.
Book 2

Endorsement on
letter of A. D.
Springfield,
requesting a
School. He spent
at Huntsville Ala.

Office Sub Supt Schools
Washington Aug 14th 1867.

Respectfully referred to Air H. W. Buckley Supt
Ed. for Ala.

D. W. Atwood.
Sub Supt Schools
P. O. & A. S.

See D. R. 54.
Book 2

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Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office Supt of Education P. O. & A. S.
Montgomery Aug 19th 67.

Respectfully referred to Lt. Brig Genl J. P. Callis
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. for action report.

By Order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swayze.
H. W. Buckley
Supt of Education

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Office Sub Asst Comr RR & S
 Huntsville Ala. Aug 22. 67
 Respectfully referred to L. O. Whitney who is
 requested to inquire into the within case and
 report by endorsement on these papers to this
 office at the earliest possible moment.

Jno B. Hallis
 Bt Brig Gen U. S. V.
 Sub Asst Comr
 Dist No 1 Ala

Endorsement on
 letter of Mr Fowler
 relative to claim
 Humphrey Timmas
 here claim is
 allowed.

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Adj. Gen Dist of Alabama
 Montgomery Ala. Aug 20. 67.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
 Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. who will acknow-
 ledge receipt of communication and discharge.

By Order of
 Maj Gen Hagen Suayne
 O D Kiernan
 Sub Asst Comr

See LR 61
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Office RR & S

Scottsboro Ala. Aug 26. 67

Rephy returned, Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Hallis Sub
 Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. I met Mr. N. J. Springfield
 of Ashville St. Clair County at the convention in
 Montgomery in June last & he informed me
 that there were a large number of colored children
 at Ashville for the benefit of which he was anxious
 to see a school established & I remarked to him
 that if he could get up a sufficient number
 of scholars to justify it, a teacher could be
 had & I would assist him in obtaining one. He
 assured me that a suitable building would
 be provided & on his return home he sent
 me the enclosed list of Pupils. Mr. Springfield
 is a reliable gentleman & unquestionably loyal
 & I would respectfully recommend that a teacher
 be provided

C. O. Whitney
 actg asst RR & S

Endorsement on
letters from D. W.
McDonald &
Maj Geo. Jones
relative to Chas.
Boy Char Hall.

See Lt. 272. 6 &
Lt 66 - 6

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Head. Qrs Dist Alabama
B. A. F. & A. S. Montgomery July 6th
Respectfully referred to Bt Maj Alan C. Gillem
Asst Comd Mississippi with the request that
the whereabouts of this boy may be ascertained
and that if possible he be induced to return
to his mother

Wager Swayne
Maj Gen Asst Comd

Bureau R. F. & A. S. Office Asst Comd
for Miss. Vicksburg Miss July 17th
Respectfully referred to Bt Maj Geo S. Smith
Sub Asst Comd Sub-Dist of Columbus for
investigation and report.

By Order of
Bt Maj Geo A. C. Gillem
Asst Commissioner
A. W. Preston
Capt V. B. Bt Maj Val.
A. A. A. General.

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Okolona Miss July 29th
Capt. Geo. Smith.

Sir:
Your letter reached me two
days since asking information as to negro boy or
freedman Chas Hall and that I had been
charged with having induced him the boy off
I thereby inform you that the report is false
I know the Boy & know that was here in
Okolona some time & then went off with

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a lot, never with home to South Mississippi. I
had nothing to do with him. He was here when
David here and he has never been at my house.
This is all the information I have on the subject

Respectfully,
Daniel Whatley

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Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. F. & A. S.
Columbus Miss Aug 12th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Maj A. W. Preston & A.
A. Gen and his attention invited to the enclosed
Communication of Daniel Whatley relative to the
Boy Charles Hall.

Geo. Smith
Capt V. B. Bt Maj
Sub Asst Comd

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Bureau of Refugees F. & A. S. Sander
Office Asst Comd for Mississippi
Vicksburg Miss. August 19th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Maj Gen Wager Swayne
Asst Comd State of Alabama and attention invited
to enclosed letter of Mr. Daniel Whatley.

Alan C. Gillem
Bt Maj Geo U. S. A.
Asst. Comd

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Head. Quarters Dist Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala Aug 24th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen J. P. Ballis
Sub Asst Comd Huntsville Ala. - attention

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is united to enclosed letter of Mr. Dan Whalley.
By Order of
Maj Gen Wager Swayer
O D Kilman
Sub Asst Com

Endorsement on letter of R H Woodward relative to certain action of Jas Dauforth. agt re Athens Ala.

Head Qrs 3rd Military Dist
Atlanta Aug 10 1867
Respectfully refused to Gen Swayer. Comdly Sub
Alabama. This man Dauforth seems unfit
for his position & should be dismissed.
See Ser 35
(Signed) Jno Pope
Maj Gen Comdly

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N. C. Dist of Ala
Montgomery Ala. Aug 12 67

Respectfully refused to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Comd for report. If the statements
relative to Mr. Dauforth are found correct
Gen Callis will at once suspend him
from duty and ask the revocation of his
appointment.

By Order of
Maj Gen Wager Swayer
O D Kilman
Sub Asst Com

Endorsement of letter of Gen Callis to Adjt Gen Thomas
inquiring the address of Capt Patton or
Lt Shafter.

Adjutant General's Office
Washington D. C. Aug 24 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis Sub
Asst Comd of Foremen & Hindence also
N. N. Patton late Capt 17th U. S. C. T. was prior to appoint-
ment, a resident of Sullivan County Indiana; Post
Office address not known.

James N. Shafter late 1st Lieut 17th U. S. C. T.
was prior to appointment a resident of Michigan
probably Post Office address Salisbury Mich

See S. S. 112
See

J. H. Taggard
1st Lt. U. S. A. Discharge
Bureau of Col Troops

Endorsement on letter of Gen Callis
inquiring information
in regard to bounty
claim of General
Dauforth.

Bureau of F & A. S. Office Disclaim
Agent State of Tenn Nashville Tenn
Aug 27 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis S. A. C.
with the information that the claim for bounty &c
of the within named soldiers has not been allowed
as yet but will be soon. I think N. H. Dringwood
the claim Agent herein mentioned has been sus-
pended, and the claims forwarded by him will
be settled by this Bureau through this office.

J. B. Coors
Sub Asst Comd

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Endorsement on
report of A. S. Salkin
on Murders -
Bushwhacker &

See S. R. 4192 Book I

Endorsement on letter
relative to a secret
society in Walker and
Winston Co. to prevent
freedom from voting

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Office Subst. Com. B. F. & A. S.
Nashville Ala. Aug 30 1867

Respectfully referred to Lieut. E. P. Saigst 33 W. B. S.
Commanding Post of Nashville with request that
such action be taken on the within reports as will
cause a thorough investigation of the matter contained
there in.

Pro Hallie
Lt Brig Gen W. H. and
Sub asst Com. B. F. & A. S.
Sist. H. or Ala.

Foras Quarter Dist. of Alabama
Dist. of Civil Affairs
Montgomery Aug 24 1867

Respectfully referred to the Commanding Officer
Nashville Ala. for investigation and report

By Command of
Maj Gen. Duane
W. A. A. H.

Office Sub Asst. Com. Bureau B. F. & A. S.
Nashville Ala. Sept 14 1867

Respectfully referred to William H. Hyde Agent
Bureau B. F. & A. S. for Winston Co. Ala. at Kinston Ala.
for investigation and full report. These papers to be
returned with report with as little delay as possible

See S. R. 4192 Book I

John B. Lewis
At Large and Co
Sub Asst. Com.

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Endorsement on
communication of
P. A. Stanley
relative to the claim
of Pleasant Reever
mother of Hammond
Reever

War Department Bur. B. F. & A. S.

Claim Division Washington Aug 29 1867.

Respectfully referred to Lt Brig Gen J. B. Callis S. A. C.
Bureau & Nashville Ala. with the information that
on the 22 Sept 1866. the application of Pleasant Reever
mother of Hammond Reever was returned to Col
C. Cadle. a. a. S. at Montgomery Ala. for new appli-
cation on proper form. the application returned having
been made on Army form.

Genl Callis will send new application to claimant
or refer her to the Supt of this Bureau at Chattanooga
Tenn.

It is desirable to save her the fees that would
be charged by an attorney

By Order of
Maj Gen Howard. Com
W. Fowler
a. a. S.

See S. R. 4192 Book I
B. F. & A. S.

Endorsement trans-
mitting vouchers to
W. Ramey Agent & S.
at Decatur Ala

Office Sub Asst. Com. B. F. & A. S.
Nashville Ala. Sept 5 1867

Respectfully transmitted to W. W. Ramey Agent
at Decatur Ala. with the information that that road is in-
debted to the Government, and that no payment will be
made, but that the road will receive the proper credit
at Washington

John B. Lewis
At Large and Co

203.

Endorsement on
Letter of J. A. Stanley
To Gen Howard.
Relative to Endell
Corp. chief of
Sarah B of
supposed to be
with Chas Beckert.

See S. O. 91

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War. Department A. F. & A. S.
Washington D. C. Aug 27, 67
Respectfully referred to Colonel Hager
Swayne. W. J. Asst Com of Ala. for
investigation and report.

By Order of Maj Gen W. C. Howard
A. P. Hetchum
A. A. A. General.

Head. Qu. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Aug 31, 67

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen J. B.
Callis Sub Asst Com Huntsville Ala
for investigation and report.

By Order of Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kinnaman
Sub Asst Com.

Head. Qu. Sub Asst Com A. F. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala Sept 8, 67

Respectfully referred to Capt. C. A. Beckert
Sec atk Ala. for information in this case.
Papers to be retained.

J. B. Callis
St Brig Gen & Sec.

MA 14070 (9-87)

204.

Endorsement on
Letter of Gen J. B.
Callis to J. A. Stanley
regard to bounty
claim of Pleasant
Reese.

See S. O. 134
S. O. 202

Endorsement on
Letter relative to bills
Saiding for foot, born
shipped to Madison

Continued

Chattanooga Tenn Sept 7, 1867
J. A. Stanley has recently left Chattanooga to be
gone for a month. If I had the slightest idea
of what you communicated is about. I might
under some assistance, but I don't know any
such person and have no knowledge of the
claim.

Respectfully Your ob. Servant
New Wheeler.

Office A. A. M. Bureau A. F. & A. S. State of Ala.
Atlanta Ga. August 29, 1867

Respectfully referred to Gen S. J. Whiting A. A. M. Bureau A. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. These stores not having been shipped by me it is
presumed they are a part of the relief furnished by the Bureau in Ala.

C. T. Nelson
A. A. M. & S. O.

Office A. A. M. A. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 31, 1867

Respectfully referred to St Brig Gen John B. Callis
Sub Asst Com Huntsville Ala for his report as it is
presumed this corn was shipped from within his district.
S. J. Whiting
A. A. M. A. F. & A. S.

Encl
continued

Office Sub Asst. Com. Bureau AF&S
Nunukville Ala. Sept. 9th 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieut S. J. Whiting A. A. G. M. AF&S
A. S. Montgomery Ala with the information that the within
mentioned Government Stores, were Bureau Stores shipped from
South St Louis Ala. over the Memphis and Charleston Railroad
to S. C. Turrentine Agent AF&S for Cherokee and Barne
bancus via Chattanooga Tenn, Kingston & Rome Ga. to Kadesha
Ala. as per copy of triplicate Bill of Lading herewith
inclosed.

The original Bill of Lading was sent to Mr Turrentine
for his signature to receipt on the same, and has not as yet been
returned to this office.

John B. Callie
St. Brig Genl
Sub Asst. Comr

Sub. 198 Book 2

Office A. A. G. M. AF&S
Montgomery Ala. Sept 12

Respectfully returned to St Brig Genl John B. Callie S. A. C
Nunukville Ala. with the following statements. It appears
that a portion of the Com refused to is delayed at home
Ga. for want of proper transportation Vouchers
Viz: Original Bills of Lading. I would respectfully
suggest therefore that original Bills of Lading
for the whole shipment be issued to the
Rome Rail Road Co. office at Rome Ga. also to
Coosa River Steam boat Co. Care Capt Elliott
Rome Ga. this will obviate further delay and give
the transporting Co's the means of obtaining their
just Compensation

S. J. Whiting. 2nd Lt 45th Reg
Pragm.

Endorsement on
letter of Joshua
Hebster relative
to case of Mitchell
Miss against Weaver.

Office Sub Asst Com AF&S
Nunukville Ala. Sept 9th 1867

Respectfully returned to Joshua Hebster Cornith
Miss with the information that the within case
comes properly before the civil authorities, and
that I have no jurisdiction over such cases
unless the civil authorities fail to take notice
of them.

John B. Callie
St Brig Genl
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
letter of J. M. Allen
about a mule.

Office Sub Asst Com AF&S
Nunukville Ala. Sept 9. 67.

Respectfully returned to Mr Jacob M. Allen
William Stone Ala. with the information that
the within mentioned case comes properly before
the civil authorities and that I have no jurisdiction
of such cases.

John B. Callie
St Brig Genl U.S.A.
Sub Asst Comr

207.

Endorsement on
Letter of Maj
Ind. Webb
requesting the
restoration of
Sarah Samar
child.

Office A. Comr Bureau R.D. &c
Atlanta Ga. Sept 6th 1867.
Respectfully refused to Maj Gen Hager Swayne
Asst Comr State of Alabama. with request
that necessary action may be taken to return
this child to her mother.

C. C. Sibley
At Brig Gen.
Asst Comr

See S.R.D. 111

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In Continuation

Ad. Qu. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Sept 9th 1867
Respectfully refused to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
Sub Asst Comr for his action. If the girl Frances
illegally held she will be taken possession of by
the Bureau and held subject to her mother's
order.

By order of
Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kimmaman
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
Letter of Chebur
M. Williams
relative to his
daughter being
stolen to him for

Ad. Qu. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Sept 9th 1867
Respectfully refused to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
Sub Asst Comr Knoxville Ala. for report as
to the present circumstances of this man's daughter.

By order of
Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kimmaman
Sub Asst Comr

See page 212.
In Continuation

See S.R.D. 111.

208.

Ad. Qu. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Aug 12th 1867.
Respectfully refused to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
A. C. for investigation and report

By order of
Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kimmaman
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
affidavit of
Sarah Samar
about her daughter
Frances with held
from her by one
Andrew Horn
at Bridgeport, Ala.

Office B. R. D. & S.
Atlanta Ga. Aug 25th 1867.
Respectfully refused to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
at Chattanooga Tenn with the remark that I am not
informed if there is an agent at Bridgeport
and request you to give direction calculated
to accomplish the object. From all facts
I believe this petition is well founded and worthy
of Attention

James S. Dunning
Bt Brig Gen

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Bureau R.D. & S.
Chattanooga Tenn Aug 5th 1867.
Respectfully refused to Bt Maj Gen W. P. Carlin
Asst Comr Tenn (Thro Sub Asst Comr office)
Knoxville Tenn

James M. Johnson
Asst Sub Asst Comr

Continued.

B. R. D. and A. L. Lander
Knoxville Tenn Aug 6th 1867.
Respectfully forwarded.
Saml Walker
At Capt & S. A. Comr

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Bureau of Land and Survey
State of Tenn.
Office Asst Comd Nashville Tenn
Respectfully referred to St. Maj Gen Wager
Swaine Asst Comd of Ala. Montgomery Ala.
W. P. Carlen
St. Maj Gen ref. a.
Asst Comd

Continued

N. G. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Aug 12 1867.
Respectfully referred to St. Brig Gen J. B.
Callen Sub Asst Comd. for investigation and
report.

By order of Maj Gen Wager Swaine
C. S. Krumm
Sub Asst Comd.

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Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. A. S.
Nimbleville Ala. Sept 14 67.
Respectfully transmitted to James L. Summing
Agent B. A. S. A. S. Atlanta Ga. attention invited
to the letter of Andrew How of Stevenson
Jackson Co. Ala.
J. B. Callen
St. Brig Gen and
Sub Asst Comd.

Endowment on
Letter of C. A.
Tugge. relative to
threats made by
some enemies
against Mr. Poyden
and the Sheriff

Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. A. S.
Nimbleville Ala. Sept 18 67.
Respectfully referred to Genl. Hayden Commanding
Post for such action as he may deem prop-
er in the premises with the information that this
case comes from the same quarter of the letter
referred on yesterday.
Mr. Tugge's statement is worthy
of favorable consideration

J. B. Callen
St. Brig Gen U. S. V.
+ Sub Asst Comd.

Endowment on
Letter of G. W. Malone
relative to person
+ Doctor Stealing
two horses from
him

Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. A. S.
Nimbleville Ala. Sept 18 67.
Respectfully referred to St. Brig Gen J. Hayden
Commanding Post for his action.

J. B. Callen
St. Brig Gen ref. a.
S. A. C.

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Post of Nimbleville 18 Sept 67
Respectfully returned to St. Brig Gen Callen S. A. C.
whose attention is invited to G. O. No 4 dated 10th
Apr 3rd Mt. Diet Mont Ala 4 April 67. to which
it would be well to call the attention of the
writer of this communication + he thereby can
determine for himself the question propounded
in his letter

J. Hayden
St. Brig Gen ref. a.
Commanding

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Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. & A. S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 18 '87
Respectfully referred to Capt. C. O. Whitney
Gen Agent B. A. S. & A. S. Dist Hor. Ala. Scottsboro
Ala. for investigation and if the Dist. is
found to be illegally held by Mr. Horn.
Capt. W. will carry out the provisions of
the endorsement of Genl Swayne.

Return these papers with report.

Jno B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen U. S. V. and
J. A. C. B. A. S. & A. S.
Dist Hor. Ala.

Endowment on
Communication
from M. M. Cox
Pikeville Ala
+ Genl J. Haynes
regarding acts
performed by Cox
under Military
orders.

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Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. & A. S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 18 '87
Respectfully referred to Jas Sanford agt &c
Athens Ala. for investigation and report.

These papers to be returned with report.

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Jno B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen U. S. V. &c
Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. & A. S.
Dist Hor. Ala.

Office Sub Asst Comd B. A. S. & A. S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 18 '87
Respectfully referred to J. N. Bowen agt &c
Tusculum Ala. who will at as early a day
as possible investigate and report on this case
These papers to be returned with report.

See 212 & 116.

Jas B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen U. S. V. &c

213.

Endorsement on
letter of H. J.
Springfield.
regarding the
murder of Jno
Bell. Blount Co.

Office B R F and A S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 18. 67.
Respectfully referred to Genl Hayden Commanding
Post for his action.
Jno B Callis
Bt Brig Gen & S. a. c.

Dec. 2. 100.

214.

Endorsement on
letter from Hoge
& Brandon attys
for Thomas Curley
who is charged
with desertion
and asking if
Capt Gilbreath
can try the case.

Office Sub asst Com B R F and A S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 18. 67.
Respectfully returned to Hoge & Brandon with
the information that Capt. M. M. Gilbreath
not being an officer in U. S. Service cannot
try such cases. I would suggest that you
refer the case to Genl Pope at Atlanta Ga
who alone is authorized to convene a court
in such a case.

Dec. 2. 111.

Jno B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen & S. a. c.

Endorsement on
letter of H. H. Rice
regarding the
mules taken
from Mrs Turner
by the Military
authorities at
Nuntsville Ala.

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Sept 16. 67.
Respectfully referred to Brig Genl Jno B. Callis
If the mules referred to was taken by your
order you will restore them. It is not
deemed advisable that direct action should
be had by the Bureau in such cases.

By Order of Bt. Maj Genl Wm Swayne
O. D. Krumm
Sub asst Com

Dec. 2. 111.

Endorsement on
letter of Van
Thompson. Co K
12 Tenn Col Inf

Office Sub asst Com B R F and A S.
Nuntsville Ala. Sept 19. 67.
Respectfully returned to Van Thompson
with the information that there is no
record of his claim in this office.

Dec. 2. 119.

Jno B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen & S. a. c.

Endorsement on affidavits in the case of between S. H. Sedberg and S. S. Nicholson these affidavits not recorded but others similar to them.
See S.R.C. 265.

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Office Sub Asst Comd BR FAS
Nuntenville Ala Sept 18 '67

Respectfully referred to M. M. Gilbreath who will have the within case tried ~~before~~ by the Civil Courts or by Arbitration to decide the matter as to the former ownership of the Horse; and if that Court or board of Arbitration decides that the Horse is the property of the Bureau or was taken up as abandoned property; then report the fact to me for reference to Genl Swayne for his action.

J. B. Callen
Bt Brig Gen USV
Sub Asst Comd

Office Sub Asst Comd BR FAS
Nuntenville Ala Sept 9 '67

Respectfully returned to S. H. Malme Libanon Ala. Attention invited to endorsement of Genl Hayden hereon. You will get a copy of Genl Order No 4 April 2 '67 by applying to Genl Pope, Atlanta Ga. which will guide you.

J. B. Callen
Bt Brig Gen USV
Sub Asst Comd

Endorsement on C. Rugg letter to S. J. Whiting a gm. Montg. who states he furnished 29 cords of wood to the Bureau in Feb 1867. and not recd pay for the same.

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Head. Qu Dist of Alabama.

Office Chief Quartermaster. BR FAS
Montgomery Ala. Sept 16 '67.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen. J. B. Callen. Sub Asst. Comd to Nuntenville Ala. for investigation and report.

S. J. Whiting
Lt 45 US Infy. & Chf gm.
BR FAS. State of Alabama.

Office Sub Asst Comd BR FAS
Nuntenville Ala Sept 20 '67.

Respectfully returned to Lt. S. J. Whiting with information that the wood referred to was purchased by the Post Quartermaster at this place and issued to me by him on requisition made by me in 1866 and approved by Genl Swayne Genl Howards and Chief Quartermaster of the Department. Subsequently the alarm at this Post included in his estimate for funds the money to pay for wood purchased and accounted for the expenditure of wood as having used 29 Cords of Wood to the Bureau which was thrown out by the Disbursing Officer. I secured the fuel and took it up on my papers as "Account from Officers". Col Rugg furnished the wood and has never been paid for it. but furnished it to the Quartermaster and I secured it from him on a requisition as above stated. All that is necessary in my judgment is for the Quartermaster to give Rugg a check on which to draw his money.

Daw told the Quartermaster here never took the wood up on his returns but when he found that

he could not get funds to pay for it, he dropped the matter and it has ever since that time. The Care has however been refused to Genl Swaine at various times accompanied by a copy of original requisition. It is impossible for me to do anything in the matter as my transactions in the premises were with the Co master and not with Rugg. and I have so accounted for same on my returns.

Jno B. Cullen
 At Brig Genl R. G. V. &
 Sub Asst Com
 A. T. & A. S. Dist No. 10 Ala

Endorsement
 returning the
 papers of Sarah
 Sanford to 16

Office Sub Asst Com A. T. & A. S.
 Huntsville Ala. Sept 23/67
 Respectfully returned to At. Maj. William Fowler
 U. S. General Bureau A. T. & A. S. Wilmington D. C.
 Attention respectfully invited to enclosed
 affidavit.

Jno B. Cullen
 At. Brig Genl
 & Sub Asst Com

See page 223.
 Continuation.

Endorsement on
 Petition of Mary
 Dilton. for trans-
 portation from
 Surcumbia Ala.
 to Raleigh N. C.

Office A. T. & A. S.

Surcumbia Ala. Sept 20/86
 Respectfully referred to At Brig Genl Jno B. Cullen S. A. C.
 Huntsville Ala. who will forward this application
 for transportation to proper department.
 I know that she is a worthy woman & most
 cordially recommend that her application
 be granted & think the Govt would only be
 doing an act of Charity but of common
 humanity. The petition was signed by the
 applicants in my presence with her own hands
 J. H. Green.
 agt A. T. & A. S.

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Office Sub Asst Com A. T. & A. S.
 Huntsville Ala. Sept 24/67

Respectfully referred to J. H. Green agt & c. Surcumbia
 Ala for information as to whether or not this woman
 & family are in their present condition Govt dependents
 and if so how long she has been so and the probable time
 she will so remain if left in Ala. with full state-
 ment as to the cause of such destitution. The idea
 that the objects of the Bureau are to pay transportation
 for able-bodied persons on visits to their friends
 must be ignored and the minds of applicants dis-
 abused. On that subject. We have no guarantee that
 this Woman if given transportation to North Carolina
 would not ask for transportation for transportation
 back to Alabama again through the same channel.
 No application of the kind will be entertained
 unless the evidence is clear on the subject of her
 dependency upon the Government here and

a guarantee that the change of locality will place her in an independent situation.

Returns these papers with endorsement thereon.

Inv. B. Ballis
St Brig Gen U. S. V. &
Sub Asst Commissioner

Continued.

Office RR & AS, Tusculum Oct 4 '67
Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis
S. A. to Huntsville Ala. attention invited
to amended petition and enclosed letter. I know
the woman Mary Felton for the last fifteen
years and I think if she is not furnished
transportation she will become a Government
or County charge. I know her to be a good &
truthfull woman.

Inv. H. Green asst.

Continued

Office Sub asst Com RR & AS
Huntsville Ala. Oct 5 '1867
Respectfully forwarded to OS Kuisman S. A.
Montgomery Ala. Favorable action of
the Asst Com recommended.

Inv. B. Ballis
St Brig Gen U. S. V. &
S. A.

Continued

Nd. Gen Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Oct 8 '1867
Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis S. A.
Huntsville Ala. Transportation cannot be
granted in such cases.

By Order of Maj Gen Hays Swayer
OS Kuisman S. A.

See page 225.

Endowment on
letter of Genl
J. B. Ballis to
St. S. J. Whiting
regarding uncer-
tainable G. M. Store

Oct 12 '67

and

Oct 12 '67

Nd. Gen Dist of Alabama

Office Chief G. M. RR & AS.

Montgomery Ala. Sept. 19 '1867

Respectfully returned to Gen J. B. Ballis S. A. C.
at Huntsville Ala. calling attention to
enclosed copy of letter from N. M. Whittelsey
C. G. M. upon which orders from this office
of the 13th inst is based.

Classified reports from this office on file
in the office of C. G. M. of this Bureau include
these stores among the stores not required
and cannot now be changed.

Unusable stores cannot be considered
as being required for further use and should
at once be disposed of. Proper requisition
for all stores actually required for use of
this Bureau at Huntsville endorsed will
be favorably endorsed at this office.

S. J. Whiting

St. Brig Gen J. B. Ballis
State of Ala.

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Endorsement on
letter of Gen
J.B. Ballie to
St. J. Whiting
relative to Com
shipped from
So. Florence
to Gadsden

See S. 44. C.

Office C. G. M. B. A. S. T. S.

Montgomery Ala. Sept. 21. 67

Respectfully returned to St. Brig Gen J. B. Ballie
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. It is concluded
that the existing difficulties in reference
to this transportation can only be met entirely
by the following course of action viz.

The taking up of the original B/S. issued
to the Memphis and Charleston Road and
issuing in New B/S. from South Florence
to Chattanooga for Memphis & Charleston
R.R. also from Chattanooga Kingston
for Western & Atlantic Rail Road. also
from Kingston to Rome for "Rome Road"
also from Rome to Gadsden for Coosa
River Steamers. Each transportation
Co will then have its own Voucher. No
back charges will exist and the car
will go forward without further delay.
Upon so doing report your action and
return all the previous endorsements in the
case in order that I may make final
report to C. J. Hatson. C. G. M. B. A. S. T. S.
State of Ga. Atlanta.

By Order of Major General

Major Gen. Swayne

L. J. Whiting

St. J. S. S.

C. G. M. B. A. S. T. S.
State of Ala.

See S. 46. C.

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Endorsement on
letter of Capt
F. S. Smith
Sub Asst Comr
Counth Miss
regarding claim
of Mr Walker
Co. C. 110 "USC. D."

Bureau Refugee Freedmen &c

Office Asst Comr for Miss

Ticksburg Sept 25. 1867.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst Commissioner
State of Alabama for the information asked

Alvau. C. Green

St. Maj Gen U. S. A

Asst Comr for Miss.

See S. 44. C.

Ad. Ord Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala Sept 28. 67.

Respectfully referred to St. Brig Gen J. B. Ballie
Sub Asst Comr at Huntsville Ala for report.

By Order of Maj Gen Swayne

O. D. Kinnaman

Sub Asst Comr

Office Sub Asst Comr B. A. S. T. S.

Huntsville Ala Oct. 1. 1867.

Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinnaman Sub Asst
Comr Montgomery Ala. with the information
that the application for bounty re of the within
named man was made out and forwarded from
this Office to Washington D.C. Sept 18. 1866. Since
which time nothing has been heard from it.
Mr Walker will be notified when his claim
is paid

J. B. Ballie

St. Brig Gen & Sub Asst Comr

See S. 44. C.

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Endorsement on letter
relative to ending
holding to moulton Ala
to extend Election

Office Sub Asst. Comr Bureau R.F. and A.G.
Montville Ala. Oct. 14 1867
Respectfully referred to General J. Hayden Commanding
Post of Knoxville Ala. These letters came by Express to me
and as I have no discretion in the matter, I refer them
to you and notify the parties of my action in the premises.
Jno B. Callis
St. Brig Genl and Sub Asst. Comr

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page 217.

War. Dept Bu A Fort S. Blair D.C.
Washington Sept 26 1867.
Respectfully returned to St. Maj Genl J. B. Callis
S. A. C. Bu &c Huntsville Ala. (through A. Comr
State of Alabama) The Seal and Signature of
the Notary Public before whom the enclosed
paper was executed, requires authentication
by the Certificate of the Clerk of a Court of
Records.

These papers to be returned.

By Order of Maj Genl C. S. Howard
A. P. Howe.
St. Maj Genl U.S.A.

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Adj. Genl Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Sept 30 67.
Respectfully transmitted to St. Brig Genl
Jno B. Callis S. A. C. at Huntsville Ala.
By Order of
St. Maj Genl Wager Swayard
O. D. Kiliman
Sub Asst Comr.

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Office Sub Asst. Comr B. R. F. & A. G.
Huntsville Ala. Oct 4 67

Respectfully returned to Mrs Sarah Sanford.
Huntsville Ala. The Seal & Signature of the Notary
Public before whom the enclosed paper was
executed, requires authentication by the certi-
ficate of the Clerk of a Court of Record.
These papers to be returned.

Jno. B. Callis.
St. Brig Genl U. S. &c
Sub Asst Comr &c

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page 215.

Tusculum Ala. Oct 1st 1867.
Respectfully returned to Genl J. B. Hallis
with information that sickness and
want of mail communications I have been
unable to investigate the within case before
the revocation of my appointment &c. as
I now have no authority to investigate
the cases as agent I return the papers.
J. H. Green ytrc.

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Office Sub Asst Comd'r A.S. & S.
Nuntsville Ala Oct 5 '67
Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Genl
J. Hayden Commanding Post of Nuntsville
attention invited to endorsement of
J. H. Green.
Jno B. Hallis
Bt Brig Genl U.S.V.
& Sub Asst Comd'r.

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from page 219.

Office Sub Asst Comd'r A.S. & S.
Nuntsville Ala Oct 11 '67
Respectfully returned to J. H. Green.
Attention invited to endorsement of
O. D. Kuemau Sub Asst Comd'r
Jno B. Hallis
Sub Asst Comd'r.

Endorsement on
letter relative to
claim of Matthew
Lambertson.

See 1st & 2nd 71-2.

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Office Sub Asst Comd'r A.S. & S.
Nuntsville Ala. Oct 5 1867.

Respectfully referred to the Second Auditor
of the Treasury, Washington D.C. This man
Matthew Lambertson is anxious to know
the fate of his claim.

Please return these
papers with the desired information.

Jno B. Hallis
Bt Brig Genl U.S.V.
& Sub Asst Comd'r.

Treasury Dept Second Auditors Office
October 9th 1867.

Genl Jno B. Hallis.
S. A. C. Nuntsville Ala.

Sir:

The application in the case of
Matthew Lambertson Pri Cit 17th U.S.C.T. was filed in this
office Sept 24th 66. by Jno M. Cauley, of Stevenson Ala.
Dec 12th 66. he was called on for a new application
in which all signatures by mark should be attested
by two witnesses who wrote their names, and for the
claimants affidavit that he had not sold, assigned,
transferred, exchanged, bartered or given away
his discharge for any purpose whatever. Also
for Attorneys affidavit in compliance with ac-
companying Circular. A blank form of application
is sent herewith.

R. B. G. 99-

Respectfully Yours
E. B. French
Auditor

Endorsement on
letter from Colonel
Edwin Bucher relative
to Corn & Bacon received
from New Orleans.

See S. A. Book 2

Office Sub Asst Comm Bureau AF & S
Monteville Ala. Oct. 12th 1867

Respectfully returned to Colonel Edwin Bucher Montgomery
Ala. with the information that the entire amount of the
within mentioned Government stores, was received by me
from Mr. Maj. W. A. Eldridge U. S. A. New Orleans
and that the amount was turned over at the points designated
in your communication, to the Agents appointed by Gov.
Patton, as appears from receipts now on file in my office.

The full number of sacks of Corn and sacks of Bacon
were received. Some of the sacks were damaged in shipping
the general condition of the Corn however was good, and it
was all distributed.

John B. Lauer
Ch. Brig Genl & Sub Asst Comm

Endorsement on
petition of
Mr. Sulzner
for the restoration
of a House in
Athens Ala.

Office Supt B. & F. A. S.
Monteville Ala. Sept 23. 65.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl Pick. Mr
S. was reported as a Secessionist. The
property being on the list received for
to Capt Burr - and acting in this case
as in the case of Teachers in this place by
your order I rented this house to Miss Wells
for 12 months from Sept 1st for school pur-
poses. it having been reported to me that no
other house could be obtained in the
place as Miss Wells has not had time to
expend money in fixtures or fitting up the
house. If she does not keep it the loss
will not be great.

J. M. Goodfellow
Chap 101 regd. Supt

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Bureau AF & S
Office Asst Comm Ky & Tenn
Nashville Tenn Oct 27. 65

Respectfully referred to Brig Genl H. Duane
for action.

Clifton B. Fisk
Brig Genl Asst Com

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Office Sub Asst Com Sub Dist of Mobile
Mobile Ala Oct 7th 1867.

Respectfully forwarded to Major Genl H. Swygare
Asst Com B. & F. A. S. Dist of Ala. recommended.

James Gillette
Capt 15th regd. Sub Asst Com

over

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Ad Qm Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Oct 9 '67
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen & Jno
B. C. Hallis S.A.C. Nunterville for report
and recommendation in the case.
By Order of Maj Gen Major Swayne
B. L. Kusman
Sub Asst Comr

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Office Sub Asst Comr Bt Brig Gen
Dist No. Ala Nunterville Ala Oct 12 '67
Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen & Jno
Montgomery Ala with information that
the property of Mr Sulzner at Athens
Ala. was turned over to me as Confiscable
& abandoned property and has been so
carried on my reports and has been used
by the Freedmen's Aid Commission of Cin-
cinnati. O. through Miss M. J. Wells
for a Freedmen's School house. The
Bureau has made many improvements in
fences and on the house to make it habitable.
The property has been advertised for sale
by the Sheriff of Sumner County on
Execution but on receiving notice from
me that it was held by the Government
as above the sale I think was postponed.
I am advised that Miss Wells
expects to use it the ensuing year for a
Freedmen's School & object however
to Order from the U.S. authorities
the improvements and care of

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property in my judgement is a fair compen-
sation for use of building so far.
Jno B. Hallis
Bt Brig Gen & Jno

Endorsement on
letter from St Col
James Johnson. Sac
Fredericksburg Va.
desiring information
as to whether Evalina
Peyton Col. ~~from~~
living at Frankfort
ala. wants to return
to her parents at
Fredericksburg Va.
See L. R. 153.

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Head. Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery ala Oct 11 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Brig Genl Jno B. Callis
S.A.C. at Huntsville ala for report.

By order of St Maj Genl ~~at Huntsville~~
O. S. Kinsman
Sub Asst Com.

Ld. Qrs Sub Dist Nor Ala. R.R. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala. Dec 16 1867.

Respectfully referred to Jno W. Green Tusculum
Ala. who will confer with Evalina Peyton
and report the result to this office. Please return
papers to this office.

Jno B. Callis
St Brig Genl & Sac.

Tusculum Ala. Jan 4 68.

Respectfully returned to St Brig Genl J. B. Callis
with this information. I have seen in person
Evaline Peyton Col and learn from her that
she is anxious to return to her parents in Va.
but has no money and desires that money
be sent to my care to pay her expenses
to her parents.

J. W. Green
Capt R.R. & A.S.

Office Sub Asst Com R.R. & A.S.

Huntsville ala Oct 18 1867

Respectfully returned to C. B. Gevin, with the infor-
mation that they boy Raudall Brewitt being a minor
his mother is entitled to his wages.

As to releasing him from prison. I have nothing
to do with it. The proper way is to petition the
Governor for his pardon.

Jno B. Callis
St Brig Genl & Sub Asst Com.

Head. Quarters Dist of Alabama

Montgomery ala Oct 17 1867.

Respectfully referred to St Brig Genl J. B. Callis
S.A.C. at Huntsville ala. who will endeavor
to cause a settlement of this claim. If Mr
Deaver refuses to settle and the claim is at
good one it would seem that any lawyer
would undertake the case and himself become
security for the payment of costs as this course
is often pursued.

By Order of Maj Genl Wagon Swayne
O. S. Kinsman
Sub Asst Commissioner

Endorsement on a
letter from C. B. Gevin
relative to the case
of Raudall Brewitt
charged of killing a
neg. belonging to one
J. M. David.

Endorsement on
communications
from J. Webster and
Jno A. Jackson to
St Brig Genl Swayne regard-
ing a claim of
Jno Mitchell vs
J. M. Deaver.

See L. R. 163 7/16/67

Endorsement on
Communication
of Gen Callis
to J. B. Coons.
requesting infor-
mation regarding
the claim of
Wm. Cleaveland,
late priv A "2"
U. S. A. Light

Bureau of P. & E. Office Gen. Claim Agt
Nashville Tenn Oct 25 '67
Respectfully returned. The claim herein
named has been awarded in Treasury
Certificate No 322,997. for \$317.29 and awaits
Claimants Order. in the hands of Clk Dis Officer
in Washington D.C.
J. B. Coons
S. L. Agt.

Endorsement on
letter of Gen J. B.
Callis to Col
S. Moore. Q. M.
asking information
regarding his A's
for Commutation
of Qrs + fuel for
Aug + Sept

Q. M. Office
Nashville Tenn Oct 29 '67.
Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Com'r at Huntsville Ala. with the infor-
mation that the A's within referred to were
duly received, but having no funds to pay them
was not acted on. The amount will be
remitted to you in a few days.

S. Moore
Major Agt.
Bt Col Ufa.

See 20114

Endorsement on
letter from A. P. Howe
Gen J. B. Callis
regarding discharge
of Edmund Payne.

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Head Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Oct 30 '67.
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
at Huntsville Ala.
By Order of Bt Maj Gen Wm H. Payne.
O. D. Kinsman. S.A.C.

Office Sub Asst Com'r P. & E.
Huntsville Ala. Nov 2 '67.
Respectfully returned to Bt Maj Gen A. P. Howe Wash-
ton D.C. - Connection. Alluded to being made
by Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Bt Brig Gen + S.A.C.

Endorsement on
communication of
Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
regarding a Govt
Apt. + the Case of
Dr. Rauders. Ellen
Safely.

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama.
Montgomery Ala. Oct 30 '67.
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Com'r at Huntsville Ala.
By Order of Bt Maj Gen Wm H. Payne.
O. D. Kinsman
S.A.C.

See 20114

Endorsement of
communication of
Genl A. P. Moore
to Genl W. Swayne.
Enclosing form (No 3)
of affidavit in case
of Nancy Jones.
Whitman.

Hd. Qrs. Dist of Alabama.
Montgomery Ala. Nov 4th 1867
Respectfully referred to St. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
S. A. C. at Huntsville Ala.

By Order of
St. Maj Gen Wager Swayne.
J. D. Kilsman
Sub Asst Comr.

Dec 26th 1867

Endorsement on
letter of Gen Callis
to E. B. French
relative to claim
of Melinda Jones.

2nd Auditor's Office Nov. 6th 1867.
The case of Mrs Henry Jones Co "E" 101st W. S. C. D. does not
appear upon the registers of this office up to April 30th 67
- the date to which this class of claims has been
reached for registry & examination.

Dec. 26th 1867

A. M. R.

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Office Agency R. R. & A. S.

Atchafalpa Ala. Oct 26th 67.

Respectfully returned with the information that no
such woman as Patsy Corpeau can be found in
this County and as the man has failed to give
the name of his daughter it is impossible to ascertain
her whereabouts. After diligent enquiry and
search I am constrained to make this report.
J. Danforth.

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Office Sub Asst Comr R. R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala. Nov 11th 67.

Respectfully returned to O. Kilsman S. A. C.
Montgomery Ala. attention invited to endorse-
ment of J. Danforth.

Jno B. Callis
St Brig Gen S. A. C.

237.

Endorsement on
letter of A.B. Collins
of Florence Ala. to
Gen Pope, relative
to certain children
(Col's) which are
bound to J. Carter
by Civil Laws.

Atlanta Ga. Nov 6th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Major Genl Wagon Swayne
Commanding, Dist of Ala.

By command of
Maj Genl Pope.

Melvin
Chf of Bureau Civil Affairs
3rd Mil. Dist

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Ad. Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Nov 9th 67.
Respectfully referred to St Brig Genl J. B. Hallis
S.A.O. Mobile Ala. for his action.

St Collins has been notified of this reference.

By Order of Maj. Genl Wagon Swayne
& D. K. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm

NA 14070 (9-87)

238.

Endorsement on
affidavit
the claim for addi-
tion of Nancy Jones
widow

Office Sub Asst Comm B AF AS
Montgomery Ala. Nov. 22/67

Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman Sub
Asst Commissioner, Montgomery Ala.

Attention invited to the enclosed affidavit

John B. Hallis

St Brig Genl + Sub Asst. Comm

See S. R. P. 143

Endorsement on letter
claim for Pension
Nancy Jones widow

Office Sub Asst Comm B AF AS
Montgomery Ala. Nov. 22/67

Respectfully returned to Maj. General O. D.
Howard Comm B AF AS Washington D.C.

Attention invited to the enclosed application

John B. Hallis

St Brig Genl + Sub Asst. Comm

See S. R. P. 144

239.

Endorsement on
letter of A. W. McCallough
relative to rent of a
house occupied by
him for school purposes
for 12 months.

Ad. Gen. Sub Dist. Nor Ala. R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Nov 25 "1867.
Respectfully forwarded to C. W. Buckley Supt of
Education Montgomery Ala. for his remarks.
Jno B. Wallis
Bt Brig Gen Sub Dist Comr

See L. R. S. 212.

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Ad. Gen. Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec 11 "67
Respectfully returned to Genl Jno B. Wallis S. A. C.
The rent asked for will be paid by the Bureau
provided school reports be forwarded to this office
for the months for which rent is asked.

By Command of
Maj Gen Hager Swayne
C. W. Buckley
Supt. Ed. R. F. & A. S.

Endorsement on
communication of
M. Chapman
King transportation
for Amanda Turner
her children from
Montgomery Ala to
range C. H. Va.

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Ad. Gen. R. F. & A. S. Sub Dist
Gordonville Va. Nov 4 "67.
Respectfully forwarded to Gen. O. Brown. Asst
Comr Va.

See L. R. S. 219. & 220.

W. R. Moore.
Bt Maj & S. A. C.

Asst Comr Dist of Va. R. F. & A. S.
Nov 6 "1867.

Respectfully forwarded to Asst Comr of Ala.
through Bureau Ad. Gen.

O. Brown.
Bt Brig Gen & Asst Comr

War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Washington D. C. Nov 7 "67.
Respectfully transmitted to Asst Comr for Alabama.
By Order Maj Gen O. B. Howard
E. Whittlesey
A. A. A. Genl.

Ad. Gen. Dist of Ala. R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Nov 25 "67.
Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis
S. A. Comr at. Huntsville. for report as to circum-
stances of this family.

By Command of Bt Maj Gen H. Swayne
O. D. Kiernan
S. A. C.

241.

Endorsement on
Statement of
Councils Diggs
requiring information
of Alabama for investigation and report.
of his parents.

War Dept. O.R.D. & A.S.
Washington D.C. Dec 4th 1867.
Respectfully referred to Genl Swayne asst Comd

By Order of
Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Sig B. Whittelsey
a. a. a. General

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Ad. Qrs Dist of Alabama.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 9th 1867.
Official Copy respectfully referred to St Brig
Gen Jno. B. Ballis S. A. C. Huntsville for
investigation and report.

By Order of
St Maj Gen Hager Swayne.
O. D. Keimman
Sub. Asst Comd.

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Office Sub Asst Comd O.R.D. & A.S.

Huntsville Ala. Dec 13. 1867.

Respectfully returned to O. D. Keimman, S. A. C. Montgomery Ala.
with the information that the woman and family
are in a very destitute Condition, and would respectfully
ask that transportation be furnished them to their
friends in Virginia.

Jno. B. Ballis, asst. Genl
Sub Asst Comd

Ad. Qrs Dist of Alabama O.R.D. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 16th 1867

Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis
S. A. C. at Huntsville. - It is necessary to know the
ages of these Children before any recommend-
ation for transportation can be made.

St Command of
St Maj Gen Hager Swayne.
O. D. Keimman
Sub Asst Comd

243.

Endorsement on
affidavit &c of
General Aide Civil
regarding attachment
by James Mone.

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Office Sub Asst Commr P.D.F. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala Dec 13 '67.
Respectfully referred to J. N. Green Tusculum Ala
for investigation settlement and full report.
Jno B. Callis.
At Brig Gen S.A.C.

Respectfully returned to At Brig Gen
J. B. Callis attention called to the
following endorsement. Settled the
matter & things in dispute satisfactorily
for the parties to this case.
J. N. Green. gft
Dec 4 '68.
P.D.F. & A.S.

NA 14070 (9-87)

244.

Endorsement on
letter of E. Jones
regarding school
house or church.
Huntsville, Tenn.

At Brig Gen Sub Dist of Nor Ala. P.D.F. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala. Dec 14 '67.

Respectfully referred to Maj Gen Hager Swayne for
his official action with information that the
School House or Church is the one for which the
Bureau paid \$1000. as assistance in its erection.
The land on which it is built was promised
to the Freedman by the party in charge of same
to lay now comes and sees the House nearly
Completed and orders the colored people off
the premises. On receipt of the enclosed letter I
called on Mr Clay and he said. "That man Jones
was my father nigger and is the damndest scoundrel
in the State and shant preach or teach school
here on this place and if I ever find him in
that house again I will give him the damndest
whipping he ever had in his life" Immediate
action respectfully solicited.

See 247. 235.

Jno B. Callis
At Brig Gen S.A.C.

At Brig Gen Sub Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec 17 '67.

Respectfully referred to Mr L. W. Buckley, Supt
of Education Dist of Ala.

By Order of
At Brig Gen Hager Swayne
JOS Kissaman
Sub Asst Commr

See 246.

Endorsement on
letter of J. S. Coman
to Gen. Swayne,
asking for infor-
mation regarding
leins on crops re-
created by Gen. order
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Hed. Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec 17/67

Respectfully returned to Mr J. S. Coman
Athens Ala. through office Sub Asst Comr
Sub Dist of North Ala. General Orders No
13 & 14. Arment Series from Hed. Qrs Dist of
Ala Create a lein in favor of all agricultural
laborers without regard to grade of rank or
color.

By Order of
Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kimmmin S.A.C.

Hed. Qrs Dist of Nor. Ala. Bureau
Moultrieville Ala Dec 20/67

Respectfully forwarded to J. S. Coman
Athens Ala for his information together
with the information that the decision
of the Asst Comr is the same made by me
when in conversation with Mr McKimmin
on the subject.

J. B. Hallis
Bt Brig Gen S.A.C.

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Hed. Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec 20/67

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
S.A.C. Moultrieville Ala. for information
as to whether the Methodist Church North
has a good title to the land on which
this building is created. If so possession
must be defended under the Civil
Law. If not the building must be
removed to any land to which said
Church has a title

By Order of
Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne
O. D. Kimmmin
Sub Asst Comr

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Ad. Qtr Dist of Ala. B. F. T. & S.
Huntsville Ala. Jan 6th 1868.
Respectfully returned to O. D. Kinsman, SAC
at Montgomery, Ala. attention invited
to endorsement of J. A. Green.
Jno B. Ballis
Capt 45th Inf. I. Sac.

Endorsement
on letter from
E. Hittler, A. A.
I. Gen. to J. A.
Green.

Tusculum Ala. Jan 4th 1868.
Respectfully returned to E. Hittler, A. A.
I. Gen. and refer you to Gen J. B. Ballis Sub
Asst Comm of Alabama. at Huntsville
Ala. who will say that all my reports have
been received in his office and all full
and in due form and any information
you may desire I respectfully refer
you to his office as I have no records
in mine of the matter.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Green, Capt.
B. F. T. & S.
Sen. S. R. 271.

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Washington D. C.
Ad. Qtr Dist of Ala. B. F. T. & S.
Jan 8th 1868.
Respectfully referred to Gen J. B. Ballis Sub
Asst Comm Huntsville, Ala. whose attention
is invited to the endorsement of Jno B. Green
Capt Bu R. F. T. & S.
By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard
E. Hittler, J. Gen.
A. A. I. Gen.

NA 14070 (9-87)

248.

Endorsement on
letter from Wm
Fowler regarding
claim of Patsy
Simmons.

Ad. Qtr Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Jan 13th 1868.
Respectfully transmitted to St. Brig Gen
Jno B. Ballis, J. A. Co. Huntsville, Ala.
By Command of
St. Maj Gen Wager Swayne.
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm.

Office Sub Asst Comm
Huntsville Ala. April 1st 1868.
Respectfully returned a messenger,
D. C. Rupp
sub asst Comm

Endorsement on
letter from Wm Fowler
regarding Jno Moody
Kinsman.

Ad. Qtr Dist of Ala. Montgomery Jan 15th 1868.
Respectfully transmitted to St. Brig Gen Jno B. Ballis
Sub Asst Comm Huntsville, Ala.
By Order of St. Brig Gen J. A. Green
O. D. Kinsman, B. A. C.

Ed. Dist. of Alabama
Huntsville, Jan 27. 1868

Ordered on letter from C. V. G. and C. V. G. relating to the destitute children of Dick Freeman. Respectfully referred to Capt. John Harrison, Sub. Asst. Com. at Huntsville Ala, for remarks.

By order of, Richard Hayden
Capt. 13th Regt, Vol. Inf. U. S. A.

Off. Sub. Asst. Com. D. N. D. & A. L.

Ordered on letter from C. V. G. and C. V. G. relating to the destitute children of Dick Freeman. Respectfully referred to Capt. John Harrison, Sub. Asst. Com. at Huntsville Ala, for remarks. There are many old, infirm and sick and referred to Free persons in this community, who are this office, very destitute. Dick Dr. Fitch in charge of Freedman's Hospital here has instructions to receive no new patients into this Hospital; and that the civil authorities are but very poorly prepared to care for destitutes.

Capt 33rd Regt, Vol. Inf. U. S. A.

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Endorsement on Communi-
cation of Jno W. Raines.
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To Col. A. S. Eaton, Actuary
of same at Washington D.C.

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N. d. Gen. Dir of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Feb 1st 1868

Respectfully referred to Capt Roth Harrison
U.S. Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala. for remarks.
By Order of
Brig Gen. J. N. A. G.
Geo. Shortley,
Capt 33rd U.S. Inf. B. Maj. U.S.A.
A. A. A. G.

Sub Dist of Nor Ala. Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Feb 5th 1868.

Respectfully returned to B. Maj. Geo. Shortley A. A. G.
Montgomery Ala. with the information that
the within statements are untrue and malicious.
No intimation was ever given by me or by my autho-
rity to Mr Raines nor to any other person that
the Huntsville Branch of the F. S. & T. Co. would
be removed from this office or that its operations
would in any way be interfered with.

Indeed Mr Raines was distinctly in-
formed soon after the removal of Gen. Callis
that the Bank Office might continue
in this office as heretofore if he so desired.

Captain 33rd U.S. Infantry
Sub Asst Comr R. F. & A. S.

Endorsement on a
Communication of Dr
E. P. Fitch asking for
the admittance of
Amanda. Shirley, Cal
to Hospital

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Endorsement on letter
of H. M. Bush, relative
to transportation of
Miss M. Harrington
Deater Ala.

See L. 14 "A"

Sub Dist Nor Ala. B. R. F. & S.
Huntsville Ala. Feb 12/88

Respectfully returned to Dr E. P. Fitch in
Charge of Freedmens Hospital with the
information that the within named
applicant will be admitted in the Hosp-
ital temporarily until arrangements can
be made with the County Authorities to
take care of her.

Robt Harrison
Capt 38 U.S. Inf 1
Sub Asst Comr

Office of Sub Asst Comr B. R. F. & S.
Huntsville Ala Feb 15/88

Respectfully referred to Miss Maria Harrington
Deater Ala. who will procure the required
signatures indicated by pencil marks on
the enclosed vouchers, and return to this office

Capt 38 U.S. Inf. & G. A. C.

Remainder of the Book

Ad. Asst Dist of Ala
Montgomery Ala. Feb 10/88.

Respectfully referred to Comd Officer Post
of Huntsville who will take the necessary
measures in the case as Sub Asst Comr H. B.
and will notify Mrs Childs of his purpose.

J. H. Ayden
At Brig Gen U.S. A.
Asst Comr H. B. Comd Dist.

Endorsement on
letter of Mrs J. H.
Childs to Gen
J. H. Ayden, about
an ex Federal Soldier
being admitted to
Hospital

Endorsements on letter
of D.C. Rugg to Gen
J. Hayden. Comd Post
relative to 29 cords of
wood furnished by him
to Bureau at Huntsville
in Feb'y 1866.
Dec 29th 1867.

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Post of Huntsville 29th Dec 1867

Respectfully referred to Lieut Savage 33rd Inf
for any information he may possess relative
to the Subject matter of this Communication

(Sgd) J. Hayden
St Brig Gen U.S.A.
Comd Post

Office U. A. G. M.

Huntsville Ala Dec 28th 67.

Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen J. Hayden
Comd^g with the information that the wood
in Question was delivered to the Bureau at
U.S. several months before my arrival at this Station
I have no knowledge of the matter except from
hearsay.

Lieut G. L. Jennings 21st Infy & a g m
at this Post who was relieved by me June 1st 1867
stated to me that he was a soldier and Quartermaster
at this Post at the time the wood in Question was
delivered to the Bureau.

(Sgd) C. P. Savage
1st Lieut 33rd Infy
a. a. g. m.

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Post of Huntsville 30 Dec 1867.

Respectfully referred to the Colonel of the 21st
Infantry with the request that he will call
upon Lieut Jennings for a statement as to
his knowledge of the Subject matter of this
letter. These papers to be returned

J. Hayden
St Brig Gen U.S.A.
Comd Post

Head Quarter Sub Dist of Petersburg
Petersburg Va. January 4th 1867

Respectfully referred to Lieut G. L. Jennings 21st Infy
for report and attention invited to the foregoing
endorsements.

This paper to be returned with the report.
By Order of St Maj General Stoneman
E. P. Knot

1st Lt 21st Infy St Brig U.S.A. a. a. g. m.

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Office U. A. G. M. Fredericksburg Va.
January 5th 67

Respectfully returned with the information that I
was Post Q. Master at Huntsville Ala from Dec
1866 to June 1867 and to my personal knowledge
one D. C. Rugg did furnish the Bureau R.F.M.S.
during the month of February 1867. Nearly nine
(29) cords of marketable hard wood. The Bureau
did not receive any wood from me while I was
Post Q. Master either by issue or transfer as warranted
by Capt Galtis at that time St Brig Gen of Va.
Sub Asst Com^d for the Dist of N. Va. who account-
ed for the wood furnished the Bureau by me Rugg
as having been received from Officers. This is the
sole reason why the acct was not paid soon as
after the wood was furnished.

(Sgd) G. L. Jennings
2nd Lt 21st U.S. a. a. g. m. & a. c.

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Head Quarter Sub Dist of Petersburg
Petersburg Va. Jan'y 8th 1868.

Respectfully returned to St Brig Gen J. Hayden Comd^g
Post of Huntsville Ala. with endorsement of Lieut
G. L. Jennings 21st U.S. Infantry.

By Order of Major General Stoneman
(Sgd) E. P. Knot

1st Lt 21st Infy St Brig U.S.A.
Acting General

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Ad. Qrs Dist of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Jan'y 27th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to Maj Gen C. O. Howard, Comdr Washington D.C. with the recommendation that D. L. Rugg be paid for the twenty nine (29) cords of wood furnished for and used by the Bureau and for which the Bureau has heretofore made no payment.

Sgt J. Hayden
Bt Brig Gen & Asst Comr

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War Department B.R. & A.S.

Washington Feby 3rd 1868.

Respectfully referred to Gen & H. M. Whittlesey, Chief Quartermaster B.R. & A.S.

By Order of Maj Gen O. Howard
E. H. Whittlesey, A.A. & Gen

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War Department

Bureau Refugee Freedmen M^{rs} Land

Office Chief Quartermaster

Washington Feby 5th 1868

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden, U.S.A. Asst Comr B.R. & A.S. for Alabama a inviting attention to endorsements from this of April 18, May 27, and July 24th 1867, respectively, as furnishing a history of this case, remarking that compliance by the late Asst Commissioner for Alabama with the instruction contained in endorsement of July 24th 67 would, long since, have disbarbarassed this case of the difficulties by which it has been surrounded. Attention is also invited to enclosed copy of letter of this date to third Auditor of the Treasury, requesting that the accounts of Gen Callis may be suspended until he forwards amended returns properly accounting for the 29 cords of wood furnished for the use of the Bureau by

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Mr. D. L. Rugg. The Assistant Commissioner for Alabama will direct Gen Jno B. Callis, Asst Comr B.R. & A.S. Huntsville Ala to forward amended return of property pertaining to Bureau for the month of February 1867, taking up and accounting for 29 cords of wood delivered by D. L. Rugg as purchased and not paid for. When these returns are received vouchers for the wood should be made up in favor of Mr Rugg, and forwarded for the orders of the Commissioner.

By Command of Maj Gen C. O. Howard
Commissioner
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chief Q. M. B.R. & A.S.

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Office Asst Commissioner Ala.

Montgomery Ala. Feby 11th 1868.

Respectfully referred to Capt Jno B. Callis, Asst Comr B.R. & A.S. Huntsville Ala with reference to endorsement of H. M. Whittlesey, Chief Q. M. Bureau War Dept. Papers to be returned.

By Order of Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Gen Shortlee
Capt 15th Infy 21st May 1867
A.A. & Gen

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Sub Dist North Alabama B.R. & A.S.

Huntsville Ala Feby 18th 1868.

Respectfully referred to Captain Jno B. Callis, Asst Comr B.R. & A.S. Nashville Tenn for his official action. These papers to be returned.

(Sgt) Robert Harrison
Capt 33rd U.S. Infantry
Sub Asst Commissioner

Enclosure on
Communication of
C. Kemble to
Gen J Hayden
regarding destitute
at Sub Dist of Ala

in 1868

State of Ala. B. R. & V. A. L.

Respectfully returned to Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Dist Com at Milledgeville Ala. for his in-
formation and for remarks.

By Order of Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
Gen Sherkley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Ma USA.

cc. a. a. g.

Office Sub Dist Com B. R. & V. A. L.

Sub Dist of Milledgeville

Milledgeville Ala. Feb 21st 1868

Respectfully returned to Bt Maj Gen Sherkley and
Notwithstanding the fact that the crops were
plentiful last year there are many aged
and helpless individuals in Alabama and
throughout the Sub District:

They cannot support themselves and
they have no one to lean upon.

The demand
for aid will continue, I think, until the
freedmen shall have time to place themselves
upon a better footing as to property. It is
true, too, that the local treasuries are penurious.

If cheap temporary buildings could
be erected at suitable intervals and supplied
with food for the accommodation of the helpless
poor and placed in competent hands the
want would be met in the most effectual
manner.

The class above referred to need
more to cover them quite as badly as food and heat.

(s) D. C. Rugg
Actg Sub Dist Com

Remainder of 1st Blank

Enclosure on a
request for transporta-
tion for the parents
of Scipio B. Simmons
made by J. J. Kuel
at Milledgeville

in 1868

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Office A. Comr Bureau B. R. & V. A. L.
Milledgeville Ga. Feb 22 1868.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
Asst Comr Dist State of Alabama with request
that he inform this office of the ability & willingness
of within named Simmons to care for his aged
parents.

C. C. Seelye

J. B. Brig Gen (Actg)

State of Alabama, B. R. & V. A. L.

Montgomery Feb 24 1868.

Respectfully referred to the Sub Dist Commissioner
at Milledgeville Ala. with reference to enclosure
of Asst Comr of Ga.

By Order of Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
Gen Sherkley

Capt 15th Inf Bt Ma USA. a. a. g.

Sub Dist of Milledgeville Ala.

Milledgeville, March 3 1868.

Respectfully returned to Bt Maj Gen Sherkley, USA.
A. A. G. of Montgomery Ala. with the information
that the within named Scipio B. Simmons
is a well-to-do freedman of this City. He expresses
himself able and anxious to take care of his
aged parents.

(S) D. C. Rugg

Actg Sub Dist Comr

Endorsement on
Communication from
A.P. Baker Dep. Supt.
relative to the case
of Mosely's Sonigan
Do. 218 52 " "
" 218 54. " "

Office Sub. Asst. Comr. R.F. & A.S.
Sub. Dist. of Huntsville Ala.
Huntsville Mich 13th 68.
Respectfully returned to R.P. Banks S. Supt.
Decatur Ala. with the direction that the
Magistrate Banks, proceed with the
investigation of the case, and deter-
mine it in accordance with existing
laws and orders.

D.C. Rugg,
Sub. Asst. Comr.

Endorsement on
letter of D.C. Rugg
to Maj. Shortley,
C.A.A.G., asking
whether the order
under which J.H.
Green is acting
is sufficient to
constitute a sub.
Sec. 28.22.

State of Ala. R.F. & A.S.
Montgomery Mich 17th
Respectfully returned to D.C. Rugg, Sub. Asst. Comr.
The order of the sub. Asst. Comr. is not
competent to appoint an agent. This authority
under which J.H. is specially vested in the Court and in certain
cases to the Asst. Comr. If it is desired
that Mr. Green be appointed an agent
application should be made to the proper
Officer.

By Order of
Rt. Brig. Gen. Hayden
Geo. Shortley
Capt 15th Inf. Rt. Regt. U.S.A.
C.A.A.G.

Endorsement on a
Communication from
J.H. Green, Gen. Asst.
to Ben. Peyton, Col.
Fredericksburg Va.
regarding his daughter
Editha Peyton.

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War Dep't Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington, D.C. Feb. 29th 68.

Respectfully returned with the information
that the appointment of J.H. Green was
revoked in Sept. 62 and Oct. 1st 1867.

By Order of Maj. Gen. C. Howard,
Sec. S. S. A. E. Whittleson,
C.A.A.G.

Bureau R.F. & A.S. 6th Pub. Va.
Respectfully referred to the Asst. Comr. for
the State of Alabama for his information
James Johnson
Sub. Asst. Comr.

State of Alabama
Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Montgomery Mich 17th

Respectfully referred to D.C. Rugg, Sub.
Asst. Comr. Huntsville Ala. for his
information. He will communicate
with J.H. Green upon this matter.

These papers to be returned direct
to the Sub. Asst. Comr. at Fredericksburg Va.

By Order of
Rt. Brig. Gen. J. Hayden
Geo. Shortley
Capt 15th Inf. Rt. Regt. U.S.A.
C.A.A.G.

Endorsement on
letter of Bt Lt Col
L Johnson to
D C Rugg, relation
to claim of Addison
Key.

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Office Sub Asst Comr B.R. P.D. & S.
Huntsville Ala. Mch 27 '68.

Respectfully returned to Bt Lt Col. L Johnson
with the information that Addison Key's
claim will doubtless be paid through
this office. Up to this time we have no
information that it has been allowed.
Please direct any inquiry to us every
month or so. relative to it.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr.

Endorsement of a
letter from W. H. Hyde
to E. Whittles, aa.
24, asking about
his appointment as
agt B.R. & S. why
he is not paid for
services rendered.

See L.R. 68

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Mar Sept B.R. P.D. & S.
Washington Mch 18. '68.

Respectfully referred to Gen J Hayden
Asst Comr of Alabama for award.

By Order of
Maj Gen O. O. Howard
E. Whittles, aa & S.

State of Ala B.R. P.D. & S.
Montgomery Mch 28 '68.

Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comr
at Huntsville Ala. for remarks.

The appointment of Mr Hyde is
not known to this office.

By Order of Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
Geo Shortless
Capt 5th Inf Bt Maj & a. a. & S.

Office Sub Asst Comr B.R. P.D. & S.
Huntsville Ala. Mch 28 '68.

Respectfully returned to J. L. Baker
Courtland Ala. B. B. Gevin agent &c
never had authority to appoint a Sub
Agent.

This authority is specially vested
in the Commissioner and in certain cases
to the Asst Commissioner.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr.

Endorsement on
communication of
J. B. Baker, regard
ing his Agency of
the Bureau.

See L.R. 68

Endorsement on a
proposal of Moses Solomon
for coin.

Office Sub Asst Comr B.R. P.D. & S.
Huntsville Ala Mch 30 '68.

Respectfully forwarded to W. C. Arthur,
Chf Br. B.R. & S. State of Alabama
Montgomery, Ala.

(S.S.) D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commissioner

State of Alabama B.R. P.D. & S.
off. Chf Grv
Montgomery Ala. Apr 2 '68.

Respectfully returned & approved. The
within mentioned Corn. will not be
sold at Huntsville Ala. for less than 50¢
per bushel without further orders from
this office.

By Command of
Bt Brig Gen Shepard
W. C. Arthur
Chf Grv. & S.

Endorsement on
letter regarding
William H. Hyde
Agent Bureau for
Winston Co. Ala

On 2/10/68

Sub Dist of Huntsville B. R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala. March 31st 1868

Respectfully returned to St. Brig. Genl J. Hayden Asst. Comm. B. R. & A. S. State of Ala. Montgomery Ala. with the information that the within mentioned William H. Hyde, was an Agent of the Bureau for Winston Co. Ala., and rendered valuable service, in distributing rations to the destitute of said County.

The records of this office, do not show that Mr Hyde received an appointment from the Comm. as Agent of the Bureau - this however was owing to the fact, that at the time the balance of the Agents received their appointments, Mr Hyde had not filled his Oath of Office.

I herewith transmit Oath of Office and would respectfully request that Mr Hyde receive pay as Agent of the Bureau for Winston Co. at the rate of \$500. per year, from April 1st to Sept 30th 1867, it being the time the balance of the Agents were paid for their services.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

Sub Dist of Huntsville B. R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala April 1st 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to W. L. Arthur Chf. or Mr. B. R. & A. S. State of Ala. Montgomery Ala.

D. C. Rugg.

Sub Asst Commissioner

State of Ala B. R. & A. S.

Montgomery Mch 19th 1868.

Endorsement on a
Communication of
Jno B. Cooper Atty

for Mr Sedber g at Atty re. (Thro Office Sub Asst Comm Huntsville Ala.)
Centre Ala. regarding
a horse claimed by S.

Respectfully returned to Jno B. Cooper Esq. (Thro Office Sub Asst Comm Huntsville Ala.)
There is no evidence in the Office of the Asst Comm that the papers referred to ever reached here.

The Sub Asst Comm could have no authority to issue the order referred to, unless the horse or other property belonged to the Federal Government and as such came properly in charge of the Bureau.

All cases of this character relating to private property are referred to the Civil Courts, and officers of the Bureau instructed to see that the Courts take proper Cognizance of them, and that action and decision be given in accordance with State Laws as per Revised Code of Ala. for 1867, as amended by orders from Competent Authority.

If all material facts in this case have not been given, it is recommended that further Communication be had with the Sub Asst Comm at Huntsville, Ala.

By Order of
St Brig Genl J. Hayden
Gens Shockley
Capt 15th Inf 1st Ala U.S.A.
A. C. R.

Office Sub Asst Comm B. R. & A. S. Huntsville Apr 2. 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to Jno B. Cooper Esq. whose attention is invited to the Endorsement of the Asst Comm.

D. C. Rugg.

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Endorsement on
requisition of Mrs
J. H. W. Mills.
Dec. 20 1868

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Endorsement on
letter of Miss Harrington
regarding
her transportation
papers

Dec 20 1868

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Huntsville April 3 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to H. C. Arthur, Chf
G. M. Bu & C. Montgomery Ala

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr
State of Ala. BR'S & AS.

Montgomery April 7 1868.

Respectfully returned to D. C. Rugg, S.A.C. with the following
information. It is the duty of Sub Asst Comr to furnish all
necessary supplies to the Agents serving under their direction.
When the supply on hand will not admit, proper requis-
itions showing explicitly the necessity for such supplies
must be forwarded in due time to this office for the
action of the Asst Comr.

By Command of Bt Brig Gen Shepherd
H. C. Arthur - Chf G. M.

Office Subdist of Huntsville
Huntsville, April 5 68.

Respectfully referred to R. S. Harper Supt
of Ed. Montgomery Ala, with the in-
formation that those papers were
forwarded to N. M. Bush Supt & C.
after Miss Harrington had signed them.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr

Office Supt of Ed. BR'S & AS.
Montgomery Ala April 11 68.

Respectfully returned to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comr
Huntsville Ala, with information that
papers of Maria Harrington were placed
in hands of Col. Beecher Disbursing Officer
March 3 1868.

R. S. Harper
Supt of Education

Mar. Sept. BR'S & AS
Washington Feb 30 1868.

Respectfully referred to Genl O. S. Sheppard
Asst Comr of Alabama.

The writer has been informed of this reference.
By Order of
Maj Gen O. S. Howard.
E. C. Hittleson.

State of Ala. BR'S & AS
Montgomery April 11 68.

Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg, sub Asst
Comr Huntsville Ala, for remarks

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen O. S. Sheppard
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj USA.

Office Sub Asst Comr BR'S & AS
Huntsville Ala, April 14 1868.

Respectfully returned to Bt Brig Gen O. S. Sheppard
Asst Comr Montgomery Ala, with the information
that a building for Freedmen's school is greatly
needed at this place, and that one can not be
erected without aid from abroad. The deed
conveying an acre of ground referred to in the
enclosed letter is imperfect. I have called
the attention of the trustees to the fact, and have
delayed the return of these papers some days
in the hope that it would be perfected.
As soon as a lawful conveyance is
executed, I shall recommend that
the Bureau aid in the erection of a
suitable building

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on a
letter of, Al W. Miller
regarding
school House for
Freedmen

Dec 20 1868

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Endorsement on
letter from Miss
M. T. Wells, &
W. Hindman
about the purchase
of Black boards
&c.

See L. H. 8, 1880

Office Sub Asst Commr B. D. 1880
Huntsville Ala April 13th

Respectfully forwarded to R. S. Harper, Supt
of Ed. B. D. 1880, with the request that au-
thority be given to purchase the articles
named in the within Communication
for the desired purpose.

D. C. Ruggs,
Sub Asst Commr

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Remainder of Vol Blank

Office Sub Asst Commr B. D. 1880
Sub Dist of Huntsville Ala
Huntsville April 14, 68.

Respectfully referred to Col. Edwin Beecher
Chf D. C. B. D. 1880, Montgomery Ala.
for information.

D. C. Ruggs,
Sub Asst Commr

Endorsement on
Letter of J. H. W. Mills
Agent & D. O. at Athens
to Maj Shorkley
A. A. G. Montg.
regarding required
instructions &c.

Dec 1868

Continued.

State of Ala. Bu R's & A's.

Montgomery Ala. April 13th 68.

Respectfully returned to J. H. W. Mills Agent &
D. O. Athens Ala. (Thru Office Sub Asst Comr
at Moultrieville Ala) who in a communication
from this office of March 25th 1868, was directed
to report by letter to Bt Brig Gen Geo Ballou
his Officer who will give instructions as to
payments to be made &c.

The Sub Asst Comr at Moultrieville has
been instructed to supply what may be
needed for use in office &c. in Communicat-
ion from this office March 25, 1868.

By Order of
Col & Bt Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Major U.S.A.
A. A. G.

Office Sub Asst Comr Bu R's & A's.
Moultrieville Ala April 17th 68.

Respectfully transmitted to J. H. W. Mills
Agent & D. O. Athens Ala.
D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr

Remainder of Vol Blank

State of Ala. Bu R's & A's.

Montgomery April 14th 1868.

Endorsement on
a communication of
Genl A. B. Howe to
Genl O. S. Shepherd
stating that the claim
of Genl Tully. Father
of Wm Tully is
proper and
should be paid.

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Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg Sub
Asst Comr at Moultrieville Ala. for
Compliance with instructions contained
within

By Order of
Col & Bt Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf & Bt Major U.S.A.
A. A. G.

Office Sub Asst Comr Bu R's & A's.
Moultrieville Ala. April 23rd 68.

Respectfully returned to Bt Major Geo Shorkley
A. A. G. Montgomery Ala. The within
instructions complied with.
D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
Communication of
E. L. Guin to Asst
Asst Comr of Ala.
regarding his ser-
vice as agt &c. for
Lawrence Co.

See L. R. 11

State of Alabama. B. R. IV & S.
Montgomery, Ala. April 17 1868.

Respectfully referred to Mr. D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr. Huntsville, Ala. for remark.
If Mr. Guin is a suitable man to appoint
as agent for Lawrence Co. Application may
be made for his appointment.

No authority having been given by the
Asst Comr for his employment as agent
Subsequent to October 1867, he cannot
be paid for services rendered since that date.

By Order of
Col & Bt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd
Geo. Shorkley
Capt 15 "Inf Bt Maj Wm. A. A. G.

Endorsement on
Communication of
Maj Genl A. P. How
returning the applica-
tion of Geo Ford
for connection.

Continued

Endorsement on a
letter from Jno A. Clarke
to J. H. Green regarding
a horse bated off by
Bunell Harris who is
in Clarke's employ.

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State of Alabama. B. R. IV & S.
Montgomery, Ala. April 10. 68.

Respectfully transmitted to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Comr Huntsville Ala. for compliance with the
within instructions.

By Order of
Col & Bt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.
Geo. Shorkley

Capt 15 "Inf Bt Maj W. S. A.
A. A. G.

Office Sub Asst Comr B. R. IV & S.
Huntsville Ala. April 20 68.

Respectfully returned to Bt Maj Gen. Shorkley
A. A. G. Montgomery, Ala. - within in-
structions Complied with.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr

Duscumbia Ala. April 20 1868.

D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala
the above came to me this evening & I respectfully
refer to you for advise in the matter.

J. H. Green, Agt &c.

Office Sub Asst Comr B. R. IV & S.
Huntsville April 22. 68

Respectfully returned to J. H. Green Esq.
Duscumbia Ala. remarking that unless
manifest fraud was used in effecting
the trade it must hold.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on
letter from G. D.
Lawrence M. Co.
relative to freed
people - Mondays -
in D. R. Book A.

Office Sub Asst Comm. B. R. P. & A. S.
Montville Ala. April 22nd 1868
Respectfully returned to St. Maj. Gen. Shortley
A. A. S. Montgomery Ala. with the information
that after making various inquiries relative to
the within mentioned freed people, their where-
abouts cannot be obtained.

(Signed) D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst. Comm.

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Endorsement on
a request from Maj
Gen. H. A. Miles
to Maj Gen Howard
for transportation
for Mary Gellespie
from Raleigh N. C.
to Tusculum Ala.

Dev. D. R. Book A.
1025.

Mar Dept B. R. P. & A. S.
Office Chf Cr. M.
Washington April 10th 68.
Respectfully returned to St. Maj Gen Nelson
A. Miles Asst Comm. B. R. P. & A. S. N. C. awaiting
that the practice is in cases of the character
within presented, to refer the application to
the Asst Comm. for the State to which the party
desires transportation for information as to
the ability &c of the friends of the applicant
to furnish the requisite support. When the
name of the friend or friends is not given
as in this case, it involves the necessity of
returning the application for information
in this particular. For this reason the
application is returned, and to avoid delay
it is suggested that it be forwarded through
the Asst Comm. for Alabama with the
request that he report as to the ability
and willingness of the husband of Mary
Gellespie to provide for her so that she
will cease to be a charge to the Govt.

By Command of

Maj Gen O. Howard Comr
"EB 194. Vol 1. 1868." Henry M. Whittles
Chf gmn B. R. P. & A. S.

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Bureau B. R. P. & A. S. Comd
Ad Asst Comm. N. C.

Respectfully referred to the Asst Comm. for Ala.
with the request that inquiries be made
as to the ability and willingness of Charles
Gellespie to provide for his wife if transpor-
tation is furnished her.

Sgd Nelson A. Miles
Col. & Bt Maj Gen
Apt Commisner

State of Alabama B. R. P. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. April 19th 68.

Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Comm. at Montville Ala. with reference
to endorsement from Asst Commisner of
N. C.

By Order of Col. & Bt Brig Gen O. S. Stephens
Gen. Shortley

Capt 15th Infy Bt Maj. U. S. A.
A. A. S. G.

Office Sub Asst Comm. B. R. P. & A. S.
Montville Ala. April 22nd 68.

Respectfully referred to J. St. Green, Esq
Tusculum Ala. with a request that he report
to this Office at the earliest practicable moment
whether or not the husband of Mary Gellespie
is able and willing to provide for her so that
she will cease to be a charge to the Govt.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm.

Tusculum Ala. April 24th 68

Respectfully returned to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Comm. at Montville Ala. with the in-
formation that Char. Gellespie the husband
of Mary is able and willing to support his
wife, and is anxious for her to return. Once
at home there is no probability of her ever becoming a
charge to the Govt.

J. St. Green

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Office Subdist Comr B.R.S. & A.S.

Nuntsville Ala April 28th 68

Respectfully returned to Lt Maj Geo Shortley, U.S.A. Montgomery Ala, with the information that the information that the statement of J. N. Green Esq of Tusculum Ala, can be implicitly relied upon.

(Sgd)

D. C. Rugg

Sub Dist Commissioner

Endorsement on a communication from D. C. Rugg, S.A.C. & Co to Lt M. P. Buffum U.S.A. Post of Huntsville requesting that a certain mule branded U.S. & I.C. be restored to Henry Morris, Freedman and its lawful owner.

See S. B. 58 Book A

Post of Huntsville 28th April 68.

Respectfully returned to Subdist Comr Bureau B. & A.S. Huntsville Ala. The undersigned and the party claiming the mule, having left the question in trial to the Subdist Comr (Al Rugg) is perfectly satisfied with any decision he may see fit to make in the case, leaving it to the person claiming the mule to appeal from the decision at the Civil Court if he feels so disposed.

(Sgd)

J. Hayden
Lt Brig Genl
County Post

Remainder of Vol. Blank

Office Subdist Comr B.R.S. & A.S.

Sub Dist of Huntsville Ala

Huntsville May 6th 1868.

Respectfully returned to J. H. Mills, Agent S.D. is officer Athens Ala, with the information that Cary Crumshaw was paid Jan'y 1868, and that the list sent comprises all that have been received at this office of claimants residing near Athens.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Dist Comr

Endorsement on letter from Gen Ballou S.D. D. C. Rugg, S.A.C. returning affidavit of Leucis Benson.

Office Subdist Comr B.R.S. & A.S.

Sub Dist of Huntsville Ala.

Huntsville May 9th 68.

Respectfully referred to J. H. Mills, Agent S.D. Athens Ala, for investigation & report.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Dist Comr

Office Agt & C B.R.S. & A.S.

Athens Ala, May 8/68

Respectfully returned. As too many are interested themselves with advances, or claims in same way no information other than from colored people can be who have been swindled in like manner can be obtained regarding the within care can be obtained by me.

J. H. Mills
Agt B.R.S. & A.S. & c.

Endorsement on a
Communication from
Mrs V. C. Clay to
Maj Gen O. O. Howard,
in regard to her
property. - loss sust-
ained & damage done
etc etc

See L.R. 133. A

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War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
Washington May 15, 1868.
Respectfully referred to Bvt Maj Gen A. P. Howe
in charge of Claim Division, Bureau of
Refugees &c.
By order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard,
(Sgd) J. D. Sewell
A. A. S.

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
Washington May 21, 1868.
Respectfully referred to Bvt Brig Gen O. L.
Shepherd, Asst Commissioner, Montgomery,
Ala., for investigation & report.
By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard,
Commissioner
(Sgd) A. P. Howe
Bvt Maj Gen
In charge Land Div.

State of Alabama Bvt Brig Gen O. L.
Montgomery, Ala. May 26, 68
Respectfully referred to Mr. D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commr at Huntsville, Ala.,
for full investigation and report, and
his recommendation.

By Order of
Col Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd,
Geo. S. Horselen,
Capt 15th Infantry Bvt Maj U.S.A.
A. A. S.

Sub Dist of Huntsville Bvt Brig Gen O. L.
Huntsville, Ala., June 11, 68.

Respectfully returned to the Asst Commr
for Alabama. References made to the
within report and recommendation.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commr

Endorsement on letter
from Elijah Higgins
to Capt Harrison
relating to his bounty.

See L.R. 139, A 1868.

Endorsement on
communication of
Stal L. Johnson
inquiring about the
claim of Addison
Key, late 110th U.S.C.

See L.R. 142, A.

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Sub Dist of Huntsville, Ala.
Bureau R.F. & L. Lands,
Huntsville, June 8, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Brig Gen Geo.
H. Barcock Chf Dis Officer Bu R.F. & L.,
Washington, D.C. for his information.

Reference made to my letter of the 5th inst
D.C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

Sub Dist of Huntsville, Bu & C,
Huntsville, Ala., June 10, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Mr J H W Mills, agt Bu & C
Athens, Ala. for any information he may possess
relative to the within claim; which was forwarded
by Atkins & Beckert, Athens, Ala. in 1866.

D.C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

Office Agent Bu & C. Athens, Ala., June 16, 68

Respectfully returned to D.C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comm,
Bu R.F. & L., Huntsville, Ala., with the informat-
ion that the receipts for amount due to Addison
Key, late 110th U.S.C. are at this office
awaiting order of proper officer for their disposition.

J H W Mills
Ag't Bu R.F. & L.,

Sub Dist of Huntsville, Bu & C,
Huntsville, Ala., June 17, 68

Respectfully returned to J H W Mills Agent Bu R.
F. & L. Athens, Ala., with the request that he forward
the receipts for bounty &c of Addison Key
late 110th U.S.C. to this office. These papers
to be returned.

D.C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

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Office Agt Bu R.F. & L.
Athens, Ala., June 18, 1868.

Respectfully returned to D.C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comm
Bu R.F. & L., Sub Dist of Huntsville, Ala.
with receipts of Addison Key, late 110th U.S.C.

J H W Mills.
Agent Bu R.F. & L.,

Sub Dist of Huntsville, Bu & C
Huntsville, Ala., June 19, 68

Respectfully returned to Brig Lt Col L.
Johnson, U.S.A., Fort Stockton, Texas,
with the receipts for bounty &c of Addison
Key, late 110th U.S.C. The claimant
will sign the receipts and return them to
this office. These papers to be returned

D.C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

Horsehead Crossing Tex. (P.O. Add Ft Stockton)
July 8, 1868.

Respectfully returned to D.C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comm Bu R.F. & L.,
Huntsville, Ala., as per endorsement of 19th U.S.C.
Lewis Johnson.

Capt 41 Inf Bk & Sank Col. U.S.A. Comd'g

Sub Dist of Huntsville, Bu R.F. & L.,
Huntsville, Ala., July 27, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Brig Gen Geo H. Barcock
Chf Dis. Off. Bu R.F. & L., Washington, D.C., with the
request that check issued in payment of the
within mentioned claim, be forwarded to
claimant at Fort Stockton Texas, care of
Brig Sank Col. Lewis Johnson.

D.C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

State of Alabama, Bu R. I. re,
Montgomery, Ala. June 16. 68

Endorsement on
letter from Wm P. Drew

Genl Shepherd
relates to the claim
of Arthur Kelley
father of Coleman and
Kelley. Co H 15 USC I.

See. S. R. 45. A

Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Comr Nashville, Ala. for compliance
with instructions contained within.

By Order of

Col & Bvt Brig Genl O. D. Shepherd,

Genl Shepherd

Capt 15 "Inftry Bvt Maj USA, 1864

Endorsement on a
letter of transmittal
of D.C. Rugg, D.A.C. to
Asst Com for Ala.
Enclosing vouchers in
favor of M. Goodfellow

Dec 21 1868

State of Ala, (S. R. S. S.),
Montgomery, Ala., June 28th 1868.

Respectfully returned to D.C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Commr Huntsville, Ala., enclosing blank
voucher No 12. upon which this account should
be made.

His return must show account for the
expenditure and the amount will be paid.

By order of
Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd,
Lt Col Shortley
Capt 15th Infy Bvt Maj U.S.A.,
a.a.a.g.

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A. 50. 50. 50. State of Alabama (S. R. S. S.)
Montgomery, Ala., April 11, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Bvt Maj Gen A.C. Gillem,
Asst Com for Miss, requesting information
as desired by the Sub Asst Comr Bureau at
Huntsville.

O. S. Shepherd
Col 15th Infy Bvt Maj Gen U.S.A.,
Asst Commissioner

Bureau Refugee Freedmen &c
E & M page 32. Office Asst Comr for Miss,
Vicksburg April 16, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Mr J. R. Webster, 1st
Sub Dir of Freedmen to know if he can ob-
tain any information of the within named party.
- This paper to be returned.

By order of
Bvt Maj Gen A.C. Gillem
Asst Commissioner
S. C. Green
Capt 24th Inf Bvt Maj U.S.A., a.a.a.g.

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Bvt R. F. T. A. S. andes,
Office Freedmen Miss May 31, 1868.
Respectfully returned to S. C. Green, Capt
24th & Infy Bvt Maj U.S.A., a.a.a.g. with
information that the within named
Anderson Manter is a resident of Bolivar
precinct, in this County - and may be
addressed there, the Post office is care
of Maj J. E. Edwards, Bolivar, Miss.
This inquiry has been delayed
by overflow of the Miss River

J. R. Webster
Agent R.F.T.A.S.

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E. M. P.

Bureau Refugee Inducement &c.
Office Asst Comr for Miss.
Vicksburg Miss June 9th 68.
Respectfully returned to the Asst Comr
for Alabama, Montgomery, Ala., who,
if he deems it proper can cause the money
to be forwarded to this office, through which
it will reach the party entitled to it.

Straw. C. Gillem
Brk Maj Gen USA, Asst Comr

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State of Ala, Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery, Ala. June 14th 68.
Respectfully returned to D. C. Rugg, Sub-
Asst Comr Huntsville, Ala. with reference
to endorsement from Asst Commissioner,
State of Miss.

The money should be forwarded
By order of
Col & Brk Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd,
Asst Comr

Brk - Geo. Shorkley
Capt 15th Infy Brk Maj USA, Asst Comr

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Sub Dist of Huntsville BR F & A L
Huntsville, Ala. June 27th 68.
Respectfully forwarded to the Assistant
Commissioner for Ala. Montgomery Ala.
with discharge Cert & Check No 3208
on N.Y. for \$239⁶⁴ in payment of the
within named claimant. Check in
favor of claimant, less Exchange.
D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comr

State of Alabama Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery, Ala. June 30th 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Maj Gen O. S. Howard,
Commissioner Washington, D. C.

O. L. Shepherd,
Col & Brk Brig Gen USA,
Asst Commissioner

document on an
claim by DeLong,
C. regarding
claim for bounty,
Jews Armstrong.
C. D. 110th U.S. CT.

SS A 123.

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Sub Dist of Huntsville, Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Huntsville, Ala. July 13, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Mr J. H. Mills, Asst &c
Shreve, Ala., with request that the vouchers in the
within case be forwarded to this office.

Claimant resides a few miles from this place.

See C #146. C.B.B.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr

Endorsement on a
notice from J. H. H.
Mills, Agt. Sec. to
Hannibal Tucker
Nashville Tenn. &
a reply from J. B. Coon.
G. C. Agt. Tenn. re-
garding the claim for
Bounty of Tucker

See LR 159 & 160.

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State of Ala. Bu. R. F. & A. L.,
Montgomery, Ala. July 8, 1868.

Respectfully returned to J. H. H. Mills, Agt.
& D. V. Athens, Ala., who will forward this
this office the papers for signature of claimant
& other papers that may enable the Asst. Comm.
for Tenn. to pay over to claimant the amount
due him.

By order of Col. R. B. B. J. M. Shepherd,
Geo. Shortley
Capt. 15th Inf., 8th Maj. U.S.A. & A.

Sub. Dir. of Huntsville Bu. R. F. & A. L.,
Huntsville, Ala., July 13, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to J. H. H. Mills, Agt. Sec.
Athens, Ala.

See LR 164.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub. Asst. Comm.

Sub. Dir. of Huntsville Bu. R. F. & A. L.,
Huntsville, Ala., July 17, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Comm. for Ala.
D. C. Rugg,
Sub. Asst. Comm.

Sub. Dir. of Huntsville Bu. R. F. & A. L.,
Huntsville, Ala., July 14, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
for Ala. for any information he may possess
relative to the within claim. The record of
this office do not show that the claimant's
salary for the month of September 1867 was paid.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub. Asst. Comm.

Respectfully returned to D. C. Rugg, Esq., whose
attention is called to the enclosed letter.

Edwin Beecher,
D. O. for Ala.

Aug 8, 68.

Endorsement on letter
to H. C. Garrison
relative to his salary
agent for the County
Court during Sept
1867 & 1868.

Continued

See LR 173. A for
the letter referred to.

Endorsement on
proposal of R. M.
Myers for remainder
of Corn

see SR 165 A

Continued

Sub-Dist of Huntsville, Bu. R. T. & S.,
Huntsville, Ala., July 18, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst Commissioner
for Ala., for orders. The Corn refused to has
wasted out of sacks. I have no means of packing
it. Col Beecher has seen the Corn and knows its
condition and thinks the within proposition ad-
vantageous.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commr

State of Alabama, Bu. R. T. & S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Montgomery, Ala., July 23. 68.

Respectfully returned D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst
Commr will accept the proposition of Myers
Myers or other persons offering a like
price for the Corn.

By Order of Bvt Brig Gen Shepherd.
W. C. Arthur
Chf Q. M. T. A. C. S.

War Dept Bu. R. T. & S.,
Washington, D. C. Aug. 16. 68.

Respectfully referred to Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd
U. S. A., Asst Commr Bu. R. T. & S., Alabama,
Montgomery, Ala., for investigation and
report.

By Order of Maj Gen Howard, Comr re.
J. M. P. Drew.

Agent in chg Claims Div.

State of Alabama, Bu. R. T. & S.,
Montgomery, Ala., Aug 18, 1868.

Respectfully referred to D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst Commr
Huntsville, Ala. for investigation.

By order of Col & Bvt Brig Gen Rizer.
C. K. Sanderson,
Capt 15 Infy a. a. s.

Sub-Dist of Huntsville, Bu. R. T. & S.,
Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 22, 1868.

Respectfully returned to the Asst Commr for Alabama,
with the information that the claimant in this case
was erroneously advised. His discharge and Corporal
warrant are on file in this office, awaiting dis-
position of claimant whose whereabouts was
hitherto unknown. His application for Bounty
has never been made out. His application for
execution by him is inclosed herewith. It
should be returned to this office when completed.

His warrant as Corporal is also transmitted,
as it is not necessary in the prosecution of his claim.

D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commissioner

Endorsement on
letter from James
Creston late of Co
E 44th W. I. L. B. at
Casidale miss.
regarding his claim
for bounty

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Bureau B. & A. S.
Road one but District
Greenville miss Aug 7th 1868
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. Genl. A. L. Siller
Asst. Comm. B. & A. S. for miss. Vicksburg miss
Andrew Thomas
Agent B. & A. S.

Office Asst. Comm. for miss. B. & A. S.
Vicksburg miss Aug 11th 1868
Respectfully forwarded to Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comm. Bureau B. & A. S. Washington D. C. with the
request that information concerning this claim
be furnished

In the absence of
Col. Maj. Genl. A. L. Siller Asst. Comm.
(high) D. L. Greene
Sept 24th 1868, Col. Maj. Genl. A.
A. W. S.

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Bureau Refugee Freedmen Lands
Office Chief Subv. Officer
Washington D. C. Aug. 20th 1868.
Respectfully referred to D. L. Rugg Asst. Huntsville
Ala with the request that the vouchers for James
Creston "E" 44th W. I. L. B. be sent to him June 25th
may be sent to Andrew Thomas Asst. B. & A. S.
Sub-Dist. Greenville miss.

W. H. Balloch
At Brig Genl. & Chf. S. O.
B. & A. S.

Sub Dist. of Huntsville, B. & A. S.,
Huntsville, Ala, Aug. 29, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
for Alabama for information whether it is the
duty of this office to furnish office room for
Huntsville, Branch Freedmen's B. & A. S.
D. C. Rugg, fac.

Endorsement on
inquiry of L.
Cashier
B. & A. S.
B. 185. A.

Endorsement on
letter from J. H. Mills
at Huntsville Ala
received from
Sept 20th 1868.

Office but Asst. Comm. B. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala Sept 20th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
B. & A. S. Montgomery Ala with the recommen-
dation that the within request be granted.
(high) D. L. Rugg
but Asst. Comm.

Endorsement on letter
of J. H. Mills
at Huntsville Ala
regarding the discharge
for Bounty of James
Creston Sept 15th 1868

Office but Asst. Comm. B. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala Sept 4th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
Bureau B. & A. S. Montgomery Ala
D. L. Rugg
but Asst. Comm.

Endorsement on letter
inquiry of S. H. Hays
Cashier
B. & A. S.
B. 187. A.

State of Ala. B. & A. S.
Montgomery Sept. 14th 1868
Respectfully returned to D. L. Rugg but Asst. Comm. at
Huntsville Ala with the information that the Bureau is
informed to rent a suitable room for the use required
By Order of Asst. Secy Genl. Butler
Asst. Commissioner
(high) Geo. K. Sanders
Sept 23rd 1868
A. A. A. Hunt

Endorsement on
letter from James
Preston late of Co
E 4th W. I. L. B. at
Casidale miss.
regarding his claim
for bounty

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Bureau of S. A. S.
Local Ass. Sub-District
Greenville Miss. Aug. 7th 1868
Respectfully referred to Col. Maj. Genl. A. L. Sillen
Asst. Comm. B. A. S. for Miss. Vicksburg Miss.
Andrew Thomas
Sgt. B. A. S.

Office Asst. Comm. for Miss. B. A. S.
Vicksburg Miss. Aug. 11th 1868
Respectfully forwarded to Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comm. Bureau of S. A. S. Washington D. C. with the
request that information concerning this claim
be furnished

In the absence of
Maj. Genl. A. L. Sillen Asst. Comm.
(Sigs) S. L. Greene
Capt. 2nd Inf. Bt. Major J. A.
A. A. W. S.

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Lands
Office Chief Subsuming Officer
Washington D. C. Aug. 20th 1868.
Respectfully referred to S. L. Rugg Asst. Huntsville
Ala. with the request that the vouchers for James
Preston "E" 4th W. I. L. B. be sent to him June 25th
may be sent to Andrew Thomas Sgt. B. A. S.
Sub-Dist. Greenville Miss.

Gen. H. Gallock
Bt. Brig. Genl. & Col. S. O.
B. A. S.

Sub Dist. of Huntsville, B. A. S.
Huntsville, Ala. Aug. 29, 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
for Alabama for information whether it is the
duty of this office to furnish office room for
Huntsville, Branch Freedmen's B. A. S.
S. C. Rugg, fac.

Office Sub Asst. Comm. B. A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Sept. 20th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
B. A. S. Montgomery Ala. with the recommen-
dation that the within request be granted.
(Sigs) S. L. Rugg
Sub Asst. Comm.

Office Sub Asst. Comm. B. A. S.
Huntsville Ala. Sept. 4th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Commissioner
Bureau of S. A. S. Montgomery Ala.
S. L. Rugg
Sub Asst. Comm.

State of Ala. B. A. S.
Montgomery Sept. 14th 1868
Respectfully returned to S. L. Rugg Sub Asst. Comm. at
Huntsville Ala. with the information that the Bureau is
informed to rent a suitable room for the use required
By order of Asst. S. L. Rugg
Asst. Commissioner
(Sigs) Geo. Sanders
Capt. 22nd Inf.
A. A. W. S.

Endorsement on
inquiry of L.
Union Cashier
B. A. S.
B. 185. 4.

Endorsement on
letter from J. H. Mills
at Huntsville Ala.
received from
Sept. 20th 1868.

Endorsement on letter
of J. H. Mills
at Huntsville Ala.
regarding the discharge
for Bounty of James
Preston Sept. 15th 1868.

Endorsement on letter
inquiry of S. L. Rugg
at Huntsville Ala.
Sept. 187. 4.

Endorsement on letter
to Col Lewis Johnson
relative to Harrison
Kuntzville "D" Co
44th W. S. C. D.

Port Stockton Texas
August 24th 1868.
Respectfully returned to Col D. to Augg, Sub Asst
Comm. D. D. A. S., Kuntzville Ala. I am unable
to give any information in reference to the
within case. The officers of Co "D" 44th W. S. C. D. who
were Captain David Holmes (I heard that he
was in Atlanta Ga. in 1866) Lieutenant William
P. Michener (now I think living at Oberlin
O) and Henry Kempton (of D. D. A. S.)

Lewis Johnson
Capt 41st Infy 1st Lt Col W. S. A.
(late Col 44th W. S. Infy 1st Brig
but W. S. C.)

Aug 6 1868

Endorsement regard-
ing the payments
of repairs on school
building at Florence
Ala

State of Ala. Sec. D. D. A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 11th 1868.
Respectfully forwarded to Maj. Genl. O. O.
Howard Commissioner to Washington D. C.
requesting that authority be given for the
payments of this account.

O. T. Shepherd
Col 16th Infy, 1st Brig Sub Asst Comm.

War Department D. D. A. S.
Washington Aug 17th 1868.

Respectfully returned to Col. Aug. Genl. O. O.
Shepherd Asst Comm. Alabama

This bill can be paid as other bills
are for repairs of school buildings out of the
funds for constructions and repairs. But the
account should be made out for School
Building not Church

By Order of
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
E. H. Hittler
A. A. General

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State of Ala. Sec. D. D. A. S.

Montgomery Ala. Aug 26th 1868

Respectfully referred to Mr. D. to Augg, Sub Asst Comm.
at Kuntzville Ala with the information that if
the papers proper vouchers be made up in such
a manner as given in the instructions of Maj.
Hittler, and forwarded here they can be paid.

By Order of
St. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher
Geo. K. Anderson
Capt 33rd Infy A. A. S.

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Office Sub Asst Comm. Sec. D. D. A. S.
Kuntzville Ala. Sept 23rd 1868

Respectfully returned to St. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher
Asst Commissioner Sure Montgomery Ala.

Attention invited to the endorsed vouchers
in favor of Oscar W. Waring for \$161.
D. C. Augg
Sub Asst Commissioner

Office Asst Comm

Montgomery Ala. Oct. 9th 1868.

Respectfully referred to W. C. Arthur Chief
Q. M.

Edwin Beecher
Asst Comm

Office Chief Q. M.

Montgomery Ala. Oct. 14th 1868.

Respectfully returned to D. C. Augg Sub Asst Comm.
Kuntzville Ala with the within mentioned
Bacon at public Auction in quantities of not
more than one case at a time.

By Order of
St. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher
Asst Comm
W. C. Arthur Chief Q. M.

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Enc. Endorsement on letter
to relative to a judgment
rela school at Courtland

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State of Ala Bureau
Office Supt. Education
Montgomery Ala Nov. 11th 1868

Respectfully referred to D. C. Augg, S. A. Comm Courtland
for his recommendation and report.

Assistance can only be given by the Bureau
where the deed of lot is in hands of Trustees and
where they can give bond for its proper use.

Henny M. Rush
for Supt Education

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Office Sub Asst Comm. S. A. P. M. S.
Montville Ala November 19th 1868

Respectfully returned to A. D. Harper Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala with the information that there is no
suitable lot in said township in the hands of
Trustees, but there is said to be a suitable building
in Courtland which can be rented at \$25.00 per month
and it is recommended that it can be rented for
the purpose indicated

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

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Remainder of letter from
ington Vaughn es. A. 40
relative to his
for bounty

War Dept. Bu. A. P. M. S.
Claim Division Washington D.C.
November 11th 1868

Respectfully referred to At. Supt. Rob. Edmon Beecher
Asst. Comm. Bu. A. P. M. S. State of Ala Montgomery Ala
for investigation and report.

The records of this office fail to show the receipt
of claim in the case of the within named Washington
Vaughn, and the Second Auditor of the Treasury
reports this date that no claim in the case has as
yet been received at his office. This paper to be
returned

By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard
Commr

William O. Drew
Agent S. A. P. M. S.
Chief of Claim Division

State of Ala Bu. A. P. M. S.
Montgomery Nov. 16th 1868

Respectfully referred to D. C. Augg, Sub Asst Comm
Courtland Ala for all the information he may be
able to give.

Edwin Beecher
At. Supt. Rob. W. S. V.
Asst. Comm

Office Sub Asst Comm. S. A. P. M. S.
Montville Ala Nov. 27th 1868

Respectfully returned to At. Supt. Rob. Edmon Beecher
Asst. Commissioner Bu. A. P. M. S. Montgomery Ala

From the within communications it would
seem quite probable, that the discharge papers of the
within named man, is in the hands of Beecher and sells
claim agents, Washington D.C.

D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Comm

Endorsement on letter
returning the check of
Mr James - Antislavery

Office Sub Ass Comm Assoc
Huntsville Ala Apr 30 1868
Respectfully returned to St. Louis Mo Edwin
Quaker Ass Comm Assoc Montgomery Ala
Attention invited to enclosed Postcard
D C Aug
Sub Ass Comm

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Wm. H. C. S.
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1	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	July 31st 1865	19 & 20. Assigns Chaplain W. G. Giffordson 100th U.S.C.T. to duty as Capt. Sub. Huntsville. Roman R. F. & R. L.
2	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	July 31st 1865	20. 19 & 20. I Form the Sub. Dist. Huntsville as all the portion of Northern Alabama north of 34th parallel of latitude Hd. Qu. Huntsville.
3	Capt. R. Burr	Aug. 4 1865	21. That books & records of Mr. Eaton are in his office at Huntsville as he says
4	Capt. W. T. Clark	Aug. 5 1865	22. Knowledge receipt of letter. Says there is a list to collect re - they at Hd. Qu. have to their own writing from Genl. down. If an officer or man is wanted with Irish Comdr his detail.
5	Prot. Brig. Genl. H. J. Kingsbury	Aug. 9 1865	23. Details private Caldwell 189th O.S.T. for duty at this office
6	Prot. Brig. Genl. H. J. Kingsbury	Aug. 9 1865	24. 127 Details private Harris 189th O.S.T. for duty at this office
7	Capt. A. G. Burr	Aug. 9 1865	25. 127 Inmate Robinsons & confiscable real estate in the Dist. Leg. return and return copy. Receipt for books for use of office, return to me
8	Major J. H. Cochran	Aug. 19 1865	26. 127 Same no more rations to Refugees or Freedmen except in Antislavery Camp transportation to Freedmen going home & to places of employment from Camp that on better
9	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	Aug. 14 1865	27. 27. Assigns Lieut. W. Loring Wicks 88th U.S.C.T. to duty at Huntsville Ala.
10	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	Aug. 15 1865	28. 28. His care to be taken not to allow refugees to steal, they must go to their homes, if necessary their Country must aid. Allow no Refugee establishments with them on only civil. Camp at Hunter will be continued until Capt. authorized. Have ordered a good officer to report to you will be at Huntsville next week
11	Prot. Maj. Genl. George	Aug. 19 1865	29. 29. Letter from Merchants of Huntsville concerning some negroes there who want transportation to this Bureau
12	Lt. J. A. Harris	Aug. 18 1865	30. 30. To the driving away of Jerry Goodson (colored) who made a crop by Mr. Goodson from the land owned from him at 10 or 12 with instructions
13	Capt. W. T. Clark	Aug. 18 1865	31. 31. Duess Lt. W. T. Clark, assigned to duty here, to Capt.
14	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	Aug. 7 1865	32. 32. At Hunter junction will be continued, Lt. Harris employed & supervised to find an answer of numbers from antislavery coming into camp from there to be different to present on discharge in the camp

No Name of Writer Date

16 Judge S. C. Humphrey Aug. 22
 17 Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk Aug. 13
 18 Lt. J. H. Harris Aug. 24

20 Capt. M. T. Clark Aug. 15

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28 Capt. Thos. Hewlett Prot. M. Sept. 2

29 Lt. Col. H. C. Falles Reg. 31

30 Stephen M. C. Brown Sept. 4

Subject

186 consideration of petition of Mr. Harris in which writer & judges are ^{interested}

that property formerly owned by R. H. Sasser at Athens Ala. now occupied by Bennett is rented to Mrs. E. Sasser (widow) on some term until decided upon the finding of Contract between Dr. M. Sasser & Freedmen which was read to them this amount. Date of same Aug. 2/68. Harris came with care and was surprised that

has ordered from H. Henry to report here for duty as clerk at 75¢ per mo.

Circulars relating to best pay bounty or of deceased soldiers, wishes them officer reporting to this office to facilitate in settlement of claims.

that he will have room in freedom property vacated morning right hall to pass through to rear, also one of stable & lot to pitch tent on for clerks

letter from Capt. (who notifies his willingness to let Mrs. Hudson have rooms in her house as abandoned and held by other Bureau) provide Capt. Stoff would vacate them

the endorsement that room shall be given up if others can be furnished them

an order issued by him on a Mr. R. Drake (which order was recd. here and was him with an endorsement of return made by Drake in order expressing

apt for authority of Genl. G.) with endorsement to effect that he would furnish food to

Drake to obey order if this detail was sent from here.

Read in presence of roof to keep place toward Greenwood Smith rather in Ala.

that a private of his regt. sent up home for his wife, the family whom she had with (Harris says

in rebel army) got the money and now are in freedom her and Jean they will be out. She was promised thing that was of her return. He now sends her some money and they may remain there if she is taken care of

relation to trouble among servants on Mathew place some settled

has a communication regarding a destitute white family who by roadside are sitting and suffering

has an order sent for the arrest of Cummings (colored)

agreement with colored people on his plantation.

No	Name of Writer	Date	Subject
31	H. H. Sanders	Sept 2	1862 knowledge receipt of an order on him from this office to deliver up some armor and clothing this property. He has made objection to this going to
32	Lt. Sanders	Sept. 4	1862 turns request from this office on him to distribute rations and care for the destitute colored people sent with small force near Brownboro
33	Lt. Sanders	Sept. 3	1862 his request for rations for sick family attended to as above stated.
34	M. Simonah Harris (a lady of color)	Sept. 5	1862 that we hunt up her daughter who lived at Mr. R. Bayston in Keeton's C. Ala. and that we put her on an express car and send her to her at St. Richmond Va.
35	H. R. Lippin Capt. M. & C. R. R.	Sept. 7	1862 turns communication sent him from this office asking when certain men can get their pay for work done on that road.
36	E. Stokes late of Contraband Camp	Sept. 7	1862 turns an order directing him to deliver up a saddle he has belonging Contraband Camp. and says the saddle is his property which he deli- vering to Major Goodfellow
37	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	Sept. 7	1862 No. 39. Remarks so much of L.O. No. 35 Par. 1 as restores him property to John Harris & Lewis his wife in Huntsville Ala. and says that property will be restored upon his obtaining a special pardon.
38	Capt. J. F. Blickensderfer	Sept. 8	1862 his investigation of the conduct of colored people on Mrs Bradford's plantation
39	Capt. H. T. Cleaveland	Sept. 6	1862 Fisk directs that a bill can be investigated an attorney to be employed will be paid by the parties interested if successful if not by Bureau knows paper in case.
40	Lt. John Kelly	Sept. 10	1862 Report of destitute freedmen in Camp near Huntsville Ala.
41	Mrs H. A. Williams	Sept. 6	1862 for information as to the property and right to have claimed to her 2 colored she has raised who have no mother and whose father never came for them
42	Brig. Genl. C. B. Fisk	Sept. 9	1862 that further action in the stated case be suspended. That he visit the city himself
43	Capt. H. B. Whitgel	Sept. 11	1862 that he has assigned to quarters in room occupied by Serjeant Mustering Officer
44	Capt. E. H. Breckenhausen	Sept. 11	1862 under copy of despatch from Major Genl. Thomas which that all action concerning Mrs Howlett in Calhoun building be suspended until further order

Mr. Standen

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43rd Col. H. A. HaysburySept 11th 186544th Col. H. A. Haysbury45th Capt. H. B. HaysburySept 12th 186546th J. W. HaysburySept 10th 186547th Col. H. A. HaysburySept 12th 186548th Col. Haysbury 26th M. H. Haysbury (Sept 31st 1865)

51

Subject

20143 Details from David H. Haysbury, No. 189
is not being as orderly at this office

It is noted that his note of Aug 24 1865
which of course said to be on the place of one Patrick
Haysbury

Requests that the Haysbury Haysbury Haysbury
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Ck. Anna & Son

L. Co.

Subject

60 ✓ L. C. Humphreys

Sept 9th 1865

that Stephen McLean did not voluntarily abandon his property, but refused to take the oath of allegiance and for that reason sent outside of the pick lines

61 ✓ Brig. Gen. S. Fisk

Sept 16th 1865

by telegraph for Nashville Tenn. (You will receive news of relations changed & pronounced the 20th)

62 ✓ C. J. Pennington Capt. & Inspector

Sept 17th 1865

notes which are an inspection from that he passed through the States of Louisiana, Franklin Damm & Morgan, At. General, & elsewhere he made temporary appointments &c. &c.

63 ✓ Capt. Wm. H. Lane Pro. Mar.

Sept 18th 1865

states that Elizabeth Edwards has been to his office twice in quest for husband who is confined in the Military Prison.

64 ✓ Brig. Gen. S. Fisk

Sept 6th 1865

D No 39 Returns the property of Mrs. H. H. situated in the town of Wm. Ala.

65 ✓ C. J. Mc. Graham 7th Lt. Col.Sept 17th 1865

states that James Fletcher agreed to give some 400 bushels of the crop they raised on his plantation but after the crop was ready to be moved, fell his agreement &c.

66 ✓ Mrs. N. V. Soule

Sept 18th 1865

answer to an order from this office to pay for two loads of hay as that it is not due until the last of this month

67 ✓ Capt. W. S. Mott

Sept 19th 1865

assigns (3) rooms to Maj. Good fellow & (2) to Lieut. A. M. Miller

68 ✓ Lieut. A. H. Seale

Sept 19th 1865

says that there is no news in his regt that would make good &c.

69 ✓ P. S. Newton Claim Agt

with Matthew Williams on the U. S. M. R. R. the collected & presented at this office

70 ✓ Brig. Gen. S. Fisk

Sept 18th 1865

answer to a letter from this office dated Sept 14th 1865 stating that it will be paid

60 Manufacture State

96 J. S. Danks Oct 3rd 1863

97 Wm. Laps Sept 30th 1863

98 G. A. Tinge Sept 29th 1863

99 Chas. J. Lawrence Oct 1st 1863

100 Capt. A. J. Miller Oct 3, 1863

Subject

Locations Regulate & Attachments, Bonds & other
such matters as are necessary to carry out the
provisions of the Act of Congress of the 2nd of March 1863

By Command of Branch Maj. Gen. Brown

That you of the 27th is before me in view of uncertainty
the jurisdiction of the State of Missouri over Northern Ariz.
or any particular length of time, your instructions
ship your letter in parcels instead of sending for all
to be sent ship form at this point, please notify
me by word of each parcel

States that the small boy has taken out in his
family & requests medicine. There is a note
of hands that need attention wishes to know if
he may find them out. Also states that a
certain boy man has been trying to excite
them in his country.

States he is collecting the claims sent him by St.
Hilda as fast as possible will send some
more by the early part of the week

States that he reached Yundisville on the 2nd of June
good quarters for himself & man. He had a con-
vention from Marshall. He planned the intention of
the Bureau & answered very numerous questions
which will require operation from many all classes

No	Name & Rank	Date
101	W. J. Clark A. S. U.	Oct 24 th 1865
102	W. J. Clark A. S. U.	Oct 24 th 1865
103	P. M. Lee	Aug 24 th 1865
104	W. J. Clark A. S. U.	Oct 5 th 1865
105	L. P. Arnold	Sept 26 th 1865
106	C. C. Whitney	Oct 7 th 1865

Subjects

Oct 20th 65 Ex XII

So far as the jurisdiction of this court extends over the real property of George P. Benne in the county of Madison Kentucky State of Ala. is respected, saving and except the Special Pardon from the President.

Oct 20th 65 Ex XX

So far as the jurisdiction of this court extends over the real property of W. J. Clark consisting of a house & lot in Louisville Ala is respected according to Circular No 5 Justice and es.

Mr. Timmons a respectable citizen & formally a large planter of this county feels himself aggrieved by the decision of Chief Judge Bell in regard to a negro man named

Chief Judge Bell

Have the honor to acknowledge J. O. 36 returning the property of George P. Benne.

Mr. Fisk

I have the honor to report that by your verbal order delivered to me on the 7th inst I effected a seizure of a confiscated house known as the Mosley house for one year. Please Chief Judge Bell & Mr. Miller assist the house for their own use.

Respectfully for distinction in regard to raising and in station, &c.

No name similar

Date

107 Mrs James C. Hadden

Oct 2nd 1845

108 Wm J. Hadden & Son

Oct 4th 1845

109 Wm J. Hadden

Oct 12th 1845

110 L. L. Jones

Oct 10th 1845

Subjects

States she has recd a telegraph informing her that her property had been restored & request to know if she has recd the order

As the jurisdiction of this Court extends over it all contents over the real property known as the Property of the "Hudsons Hotel Company" situated in the town of Hudsonville State of Va is hereby relinquished according to requisites of Circular No 15 under annexed and on condition that this Order shall give no claim upon the Hotel property or any other which may have occurred

The Bank should write this immediately and the collection may have been made

States that one James Hadden of Litchfield Co. Ala having been the owner of slaves in said Co. purchased about the 8th of May last informed his friends of their location to him. Said Hadden & his wife continued on until about the 5th June when it was agreed upon that as soon as possible there should be a certain sum of money paid for the labor at his debt is a sum for the man & child for the woman. Afterwards Hadden refused to let them have the money or anything in kind thus according to about the last of Augst Hadden & his moved away at that time of June & are now at this place they now claim of Hadden \$44.00 for prices received since the first of Jan'y 1845. What should be done by Hadden is that he may receive his pay

No Name of unit

Date

116 St John's Valley

Oct 11th 1865

117 J. H. Davis

Oct 8th 1865

118 Maj Gen Woodhull

Oct 12th 1865

119 Chas J. Lawrence

Oct 9th 1865

120 Maj Woodhull adt

Oct 6th 1865

Subject

Maj Woodhull

Sir

I have ordered the bearer to report to you
has three Beads of cotton on his way on the remainder is out
Camp if you will attend to the shipping of the cotton I
is be oblig as I am crippled and cannot
remain in Camp. The bearer will be able to handle
the other six Beads the former st. with ~~the~~ ^{the} man
Camp assist in loading and unloading

I have the pleasure of introducing the bearer of
this Edward H. Fulhart formerly 1st Regt 35th Ind Battery
is suitable person for Act of Lawrence Co Ala

Sir

Wm. H. Lawrence of this date has been recd. I have the
hon. H. Lawrence with the circular file called for

to send me without delay a power of attorney for each
of the following circuits to collect the money due from
the U.S. in R.R. from Matthews & Jones

S.O. No 84 The northern counties of Ala were under the
jurisdiction of Brig Genl B. Pick A.C. of the Bureau of
the States of Ky & Tenn are hereby removed from his
control & assigned to that of Brig Hays Swager
Asst Genl for the State of Ala. All Officers of the Bureau
now serving in these counties will report at
once to Gen Swager for duty

By order of

Maj Gen Woodhull

No	Name of Person	Date
121	Maj J H Cockran	Oct 16 th 1863

122	Genl B. Fisk	Oct 10 th 1863
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123	J. B. Eaton Asst. Surgeon	Oct 1 st 1863
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124	Genl B. Fisk	Oct
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125	Maj J H Cockran	Oct 14 th 1863
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Subject

SO No 50

So far as the jurisdiction of this Bureau, tends
over its old control over the academy house & lot located in
Huntsville Ala, formerly owned by J. William Day
and sold by this Bureau as abandoned is hereby
relinquished By order of Genl Fisk

Genl. B. Fisk has detached Northern Ala from the
West, and placed the entire State under the control
of Genl. Sanger at Vicksburg. I have this day written
to Genl. Sanger regarding your services and earnestly recom-
mend you as an excellent officer &c. I told Genl. Sanger
that your services here would be much more
useful than there. The camp at Decatur
Huntsville and Huntsville will be closed up &
all property shipped here with full accounts of
receipts & expenditures &c

I telegraphed you I should return to Huntsville
by this time. I cannot do so and will return
my office until I can settle my accounts
after which I shall be happy to turn it over
to you with the proceeds of my mission

May send you
Will refund the rent for August
& September Eighty dollars

Property of Anna E. Hobbs. Sometimes Co also is
located under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of R. F. & S. and
the having no special favor of the President of the U. S.
Administration according to regulations of Circular No 6. Not allowing
claim in future a US Post for rent or damage

No Names of posts

Date

125 Capt LeMere

Oct 18th 1863

126 Col C Carter

Oct 20th 1863

127 (B. Sampa Mat's etc)

Oct 20th 1863

128 Lt T Alden

Oct 20th 1863

Subject

St. Michel

The enclosed claims of Julian Patton & Henderson Means for storage are herewith returned with the information that they must be made up in compliance with Gen Order No 36 a copy of which is herewith enclosed By order of the C. M. Smith

Instructions to Institute Friedman & Robinson given they will suffer unless assisted By order of Field Engineer

DO No 37th III. The 7th (S. S. Sampa) vol having been ordered to Nashville Tenn for immediate mustering of pieces. All Officers & enlisted men of this Regiment now on duty return this list are hereby returned and will be furnished with their Regiments. By order of Gen Grierson

St. Michel, Solicitor &c

Sir, I have the honor to return herewith all the papers in the case of J. J. Lewis & Allen T. Smith with the information that N. Alden being detached from this list we have no jurisdiction. If we had I am directed to say the action of the court would be sustained and your decision approved By order of Gen Fisk

Name of writer

Date

129 Capt. M. B. Sym

Oct 19th 1863

130 Maj. B. Saml. S. M.

Oct 24th 1863

131 Capt. A. J. Wilbur

Oct 28th 1863

132 C. C. Adl. Bot. Rev.

Oct 25th 1863

Subject

The Genl directs me to call on you for a statement of all funds recd by you during your administration of affairs at Greenville. The funds from abandoned Lands & Townships you will make separately from all other statements giving the name & description of property. See per return name of Genl with recd from General at once.

S.O. 2041. In accordance with instructions from Major Dept of Ala the following named officers are hereby detailed for administering the annuity to citizens in this Dist.

They will at once proceed to their respective stations and enter upon their duties having regard to existing orders and instructions from Military Div & Dept. H. Q.

Capt. A. J. Wilbur
Adj. H. Q. at Greenville Marshall Co

Capt. The affairs of the B. in this place are I believe in good order & prosperous. I have very little difficulty in getting and disposing of the people are paying liberal prices. Ought to sustain a bargain made respecting suitable school funds to work for board & clothes until Christian's learn not suitable blocks for the school should be procured &c.

The claim of the employees take precedence of the school

No	Name	Date
133	St. Kelly	
134	J. N. Pock A. S. M.	Oct 25 th 1865
135	L. Johnson A. S. M.	Oct 25 th 1865
136	J. O. Savage	Oct 25 th 1865
137	Capt. Burr A. S. M.	Oct 23 rd 1865

Subject
<p>Asks to have Long Rivers released from H. Farm for failing to comply with orders while he St. Kelly was absent</p> <p>Major</p> <p>The bearer Long Rivers B. B. M. ref. d has been released & detained to return being Rivers at H. Farm</p> <p>The bearer Wm. Simon whose full name is given in form under charge of assault with intent to kill is in very pretty circumstances the his wife children and is entirely unable to go, more than I would recommend her to go to H. Farm patients at least during the confinement of her husband</p> <p>St. Henry Miller</p> <p>For</p> <p>I have the honor to forward to you notification to the effect that Amos Henry Dennis Barker Stephen Jones & Isaac Dean were employed by me at Leicester by me while 2d M of the 18th Mch</p> <p>Chap. Your 2^d M of 18th for Capt. Dunsmuir. Excuse you they not being required at this office. The 2^d M of 18th is the only officer known such Returns should be sent</p>

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W. S. Clark M. G.

Sept 18th 1863

The following papers in the following names cases I transmit, together in addition to the three cases forwarded this day Mr Robt V. Spraggins Messrs Spragg White & Robinson. Please give them early attention and transmit reports as in previous cases

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Sept 18th 1863

Enclosed I have the minor papers for you by direction of the ass't Secy papers from Maj Gen Howard in the following cases (Mrs Ann Hedden Mr James B Robinson Mr John Robinson)

140

L. O. Whitney, Agt

Oct 28th 1863

I have directed L. O. Howard to report to your office as directed

141

W. P. Towner

Oct 27th 1863

Chap Good fellow. Your letter in reference to the attachment upon the crop in the Woodruff place has been received and will be attending to same as the papers return. Enclosed send you \$8.00 as per your Mrs Towner. I have decided several difficulties arising to the best of my judgment and ability. I rec'd a commission a few days ago as First Asst Secy of Ind Revenue. The appointment embraces 18 months. I will be obliged to resign my office with you soon as my successor is appointed

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Neema R. Miller

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142 Bros, car le le lade

Oct 23^d 1863

143¹ Chas J. Trapp Surgeon Oct 23^d 1863

1144 *Chus. Kipp* Sang Oct 23^d 1855

1415 Chas. J. Kipp Surg. - Oct 23^d 1865

Subject

Chas T. M. Good fellow

Mr. Mayne directs me to
say to you that he wishes you to continue the affairs
of your Office as heretofore until his return from
Washington which will be in about two weeks. He will
visit you on his return.

I have sent, to you by mail this day the below specified blank forms which are to be distributed among the Surg. in charge of Indian Affairs your list 12 Blank M. Reports

12 B. Requisite
for West pupils of Circum. no. 4 W.D.B.R. & A.
Washington Adg. 4 Circum. no. 2 B.R. & A. Dist.
11 Alex. Please to acknowledge by the receipt

Please to report to this office the no. of Hops for
Frederick in your dist. their location and capacity
and the name and rank of Medical Officer in charge
Also no. of Colonies and Camps their names & location
& the names and rank of Medical Officers in charge

Судья и Секретарь

Frederick West. Not after general permission
within five days from the expiration of each month to
the Office of the Chief Med. Officer B. R. H. & A. L. Washington
D. C. a copy of the monthly statements of Hospital funds
at the same time forwarding another copy of the same
to this office. The manner and period & persons of the
necessity of Subsisting by whom the Hospital is
issued should be considered and the statements be
cause there are outstanding & unpaid debts that are
chargeable against this this fund &c. &c.

146 Brig. Gen. Fish

Oct. 24 1865

L.O. No. 56 Ex. 2 Relinquishes, as far as jurisdiction of Bureau R. F. & L. extends, all control over the real property, known as Calhoun Estate, located in Madison Co. State of Ala. — not being abandoned as defined by 23 sec. A.C. appears July 2, 1864, neither being confiscable property Restoration subject to requirements of Cr. No. 15 and on condition 1st. Issues remain in possession until the expiration of this term. 2d. This order shall not be construed as giving any claim upon Govt. for damages or rent.

147 J. T. Alden

Oct. 30 1865

Directed by Gen. Fish to acknowledge receipt of communication of J. T. Alden in reply says Calhoun property was restored by L.O. No. 56 Par. 2 from the H. L. L. dated Oct. 4 Duplicate copy now furnished. By virtue of L.O. No. 144 dated Oct. 6 C.S. the Northern Counties of Alabama were removed from Gen. Fish's jurisdiction and assigned to that of Brig. Gen. ~~Fish~~ ^{Wagon} ~~Wagon~~ ^{Wagon} with H. L. L. at Montgomery Ala. 70 appointments have been made in that Dist since the receipt of that Order and all Apts. appointed have been ordered to report accordingly without delay.

148 Gen. H. Rice

Oct. 10 1865

Petition for restoration of a tract of land in Jackson Co. Ala. known as the "Chumatch Reservation" consisting of 640 acres, more or less, said land having been seized by Military Authority of the U. S. as abandoned in Feb. 1865 (reference to Brig. Gen. Wagon Gen. Comm. for Ala. of Bureau R. F. & L. — an endorsement book) Oath of Allegiance enclosed. See also No. 149

No Name of Writer

Date

Subject

149 Mr. A. Austin

Oct. 31 1865

acknowledge receipt of letter of 27. Says he has been acquainted with E. H. Rice (who petitioned in Dec. 1848) for 10 or 15 years, he advocated & voted for secession he has been informed. He remained on his farm until May 63 when he & family removed to American La. where they remained until a short time since when he returned to his place where he is now living. He has 2 sons in Rebel Army. Never heard any charge against him while he remained here for disloyalty to the U.S. - gave description of farm

150 To Sadler J. A.

Sept 8th 1863

S.O. No 13. Surg. John S. Kipp of 7th having reported to this office in accordance with order from the General of the Bureau is announced as Surgeon Chief and will be obeyed and respected as such By order of Gen. Swayne

151 To Sadler J. A.

Sept 8th 1863

S.O. No 10. Medical Officers on duty in connection with the Bureau of R. I. and the Dist. Atty. will without delay report to Surg. John S. Kipp of 7th in chief their names Rank & Station also by whom order assigned or with whom contracted and date of assignment or date of contract and compensation allowed By order of Gen. Swayne

152 To Sadler J. A.

Sept 27th 1863

S.O. No 15. Brig. Gen. Fred Courcel Wright Paymaster 2^d Army having reported at this office in accordance with S.O. No 434 of 27th current per War Dept is announced as Chief receiving and disbursing Officer and will be obeyed and respected accordingly by By order of Gen. Swayne

No	Name of Officer	Date
153	C. O. Whitney Asst	Oct 30 th 1863
154	Wm. P. Tanner Asst	Nov 1 st 1863
155	J. A. Green Asst	Nov 2 nd 1863
156	Samuel R. Braden Asst	Nov 3 1863

Subject

Learn you send me a guard of ten men by Wednesday. I am with 2 days rations. I wish to make an arrest, some man who refuse to report me for killing a negro woman.

Recommends Genl James M. Lane as Asst for Insurrections Bureau. Also forwards his resignation as Asst Insurrections Bureau &c. reasons for doing so he has been appointed 1st Asst Col's Infy Reserve for the 3rd Dist. Alabama.

Chap. Ford please I enclose account which I suppose was sent from your office to the 1st and Nashville & then to me. I am at a loss to know why said account was sent to me and as Capt of N. Alabama have been ordered to report to Genl Swayne at Mt. Vernon Ala. I return it to your office in order that you may take such action as you think necessary.

Reports twenty cases on the "widow's farm" at Repton plantation Ala. who are not able to support themselves. He. to pay out of his pocket for provision. Requests that some provision be made by which they may receive rations. There are a hundred steady cotton pickers.

No	Name of writer	Date
157	C. O. Manning Agt	Nov 6 th 1885
158	Seaside Jr. A.D.	Nov 3 rd 1885
159	Dr. R. Foster	Nov 3 rd 1885
160	pro Lawrence Agt &c	Oct 26 th 1885

Subject

May I return the Guard. None made no
and but the Guard was very benefited in
showing certain men that orders must be
obeyed and they reported as soon as they
heard the Guard was here will send you
a full report tomorrow.

J. M. Goulfellow

As you make application to this
Office for Transportation in the case you mention
giving a full statement of the case and if possible
an order for the transportation within the limits
of the State will be furnished.

Wants to find (35) five men and clippers to work
on his farm near Greenville

States that he has not been able to collect
the claims of Jesse Jones Trade Store from Keller
Colman Hall and Jim Hall they are not properly
reported on the books. Smith Matthews (whose money
I sent last week) did not so much time on the books as
he claims. On the 17th you sent me a power of atty
to Dick Thomas. I have a claim for deeds
but none for deeds. You sent me a power of
Atty for James Shepard and Lewis one for
Aaron.

No Name of writer Date

161 Jno Lawrence Sept Oct 18th 1863

States that he has collected the following claims
Oct 26 D. Matthews \$47.66 Oct 20 J. Weeks \$32.00
Oct 23d D. Roberts \$90.00 A. S. Jones \$21.00

This up 5 per cent coll. Enclosed you will find \$100.00
I am preparing the other claims &c

162 J. N. Spruill Nov 8th 1863

Mons 8th 4th is at hand &c Recd my commission
from Gen Fisk dated Sept 13th which reached me
Oct 6th have been sick and not able to attend to
business. The Freedmen do wish to make con-
tracts are unable to furnish you No of families
who are destitute. One small Freedmen school
has sent me blank contracts also several
No 2. Can you give me any advice
concerning with options (see), a speech from you
has proved to be beneficial

163 O. N. Byrum Nov 4th 1863

States that the business connected with the Bureau
is progressing finely. Also that he would like
to have some way provided so his orders can be
enforced. is not very popular with the citizens
since he occupied the office. States that there
will be against every people white and black
that will need assistance

164 Jno N. Leachman Major Nov 9th 1863

Requests the necessary blanks for procuring back
pay &c and the number of the policies named
and the certificates be filled up and forwarded
for collection &c

J. M. Sanderson Esq.

Respectfully refused to
 discuss with the information
 that in the late part of Sept.
 Mr. Dupont informed me that
 he had ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{sent} ~~sent~~ with regard
 to Mr. Morris real character
 that the property was unjustly
 seized in getting involved in
 as he wanted the name
 question and asked me to
 receive said name at the
 end of the month I declined as
 my jurisdiction ceased with
 the merits of the order of the
 Bureau was to turn over the
 property without regard to who
 might be in it. Hence on
 the 1st of Oct. I had no
 authority to put Messrs. Tibbitts
 Thompson or Mr. Morris in
 property was restored to Mr.
 Newman without his going
 through the usual way

N^o Name of writer Date

175 J L Brown Oct 23rd 1865

176 J M Miller Nov 20th 1865

Subject

D. McLean offic
Washington D.C. Oct 23rd

To St M J Miller

The enclosed claim of Jim Purford
\$300.00 is respectfully returned with the information
that claims coming from citizens of States late
in rebellion are not considered in this office.

By order D. M. McLean

Very Respectfully

J L Brown

Col in charge Sth Div

65 M 261

1 Em 66, 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office of the Supt Sub Dist. Huntsville
Huntsville Ala Nov 20th 1865.

To J M Goodfellow

Every thing in my Dept seems to be
doing well. Nearly all the Freedmen are getting settled
in new places but only a few contracts have been
made. How the law under contracts obligatory,
and if so what is the penalty for failing to make them?
I mean does the order make an obligation for each
person to make written contracts that hire Freedmen?

Is a contract binding without a revenue stamp?

Can any blank contracts for writing be sent over, or
or if not can a book with a form in it be sent?

I have done more in the week since I returned
from Huntsville than in any week before.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Serv

A J Wilbur

Capt 42 Regt Col.

Spt Supt R F & A S

No. Name of Writer

Date

177 J. D. Lawrence

Nov 20th 1865.1782 Martin Hartman
Capt 40. U.S.C.I.Nov 22nd 1865.

Subject

To

Ad J. & Pot. Decatur Ala

J. & Sherratt

Nov 20th 1865.

J. & Sherratt

We wish a little information in regard to our duties here and have the honor to apply to you for said knowledge. For instance, a citizen with force & arms" robs a discharged negro soldier of money, revolver &c. Civil law is supposed to exist here now & of course the Civil Courts should cognize of such crimes, but the witnesses are all negroes and are not allowed to testify in the civil courts of this State against a white man. Of course then the white robber can keep his money in his pocket and go unpunished. Under this state of affairs can anything be done by the military authorities to bring such offenders to justice. A case of that kind has just occurred in this county and we wish to know how to act. Please answer soon. If we should arrest the man please let us know by Telegraph.

We have no blanks for prisoners except blanks for prisoners of war &c. If you want these let me know

Ad J. & Pot. Decatur Ala
Nov 22nd 1865.

To J. M. Goodfellow.

Informing this Bureau that one ^{was} Mr. Humphill, living within nine miles of Stevenson Ala had hired a colored man, who had worked for him a year & a half & had been chased off by said Humphill. The colored man states that he is indebted from \$200 to \$300. He was ordered to appear at Stevenson, but failed to appear. On the same the colored man was bushwhacked on his way home & dangerously wounded. A guard was sent from Stevenson for said Humphill, but he had fled.

No. Name of Writer Date

178 S Morley Patterson Nov 17th 1865

Subject

Office of Freedmen Bureau
Morgan County Ala
Decatur Nov 17th 1865

To S M Goodfellow

Since I wrote you last in regard to the destitute Refugees and Freedmen I have more fully investigated the matter and that I have never estimated.

I find there are at least in this County 80 old colored Men & women and not less than 120 children who are not able to make a support and must suffer if not cared for by the Government. And there are also about 100 white Refugees from war and many transient ones who will also suffer if rations are not furnished. I had a special care today of a lady with three small children all sick and neither one of the party with a pair of shoes. She had gotten this far back from Indiana to her former home in Blountville. I have succeeded in getting the children interested her with shoes and something to eat & I hope to do something more for her before she gets an opportunity to leave for her home. I never witnessed such poverty & hunger the children seemed to be almost crazy when I carried them their dinner and they ate with such speed & greediness I was fearful they must hurt themselves.

179 S Morley Patterson Nov 17th 1865

To S M Goodfellow. On investigation of the report made you regarding the stabbing of a colored man "Neal" by a white merchant of this place, it is without any foundation. Mr Baker the witness spoken of has no knowledge of any thing of the kind ever having taken place and Mr King was not in town the day spoken of.

No. Name of writer

Date

180 Saml R Wadsworth

Nov 21st 1865.

181 C. C. C. A. A. C.

Subject

Freedman's Camp near Decatur
Georgia Nov 21st 1865.

To Mr Lord fellow

I respectfully acknowledge your Telegram of the 20th Inst. I have to report that since the settlement of Oct 25th Inst. there has been success, partly Thomson & Jones of Bad Cotton picked, rate of picking \$1. per 100 pounds, also that on the 18th inst we shipped to Capt A G Burr a 2nd M Freedman's Bureau Nashville Tenn (20) Brandy barrels of Cotton. I will have another car load by the first of next week ready for shipment. Since the settlement we have not received any money or provisions for the people. I have exhausted my private money to keep them from want.

I would request respectfully that some immediate provision be made for paying these people, as they are in great need of the money.

I have the honor to be Chaplain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

Saml R Wadsworth

In charge of Camp

Office apt Comm Bureau of Refuges
Freedman & Abandoned Lands
Montgomery Ala Nov 1st 1865.

General order

No 17.

Circular No 16 War Department Office
I. of this Bureau refers to the jurisdiction of this office the District of North Alabama, heretofore detached,
II All orders & Circulars now in force within the district thus transferred, are continued, except so far as they conflict with orders from this office. III So much of general order No 7 as respects from its operation the counties adjoining the Tennessee river, is hereby rescinded.

No.	Name of writer	Date
182	Wm M F. Wells actns. ala	Nov 23 rd 1865
183	Wm C. Cain Capt 2 ^d M. Depot	Nov 15 th 1865
184	C. C. Cade Jr S. A. I.	Nov 16 th 1865
185	Wm M. Melmer actns. ala	Nov 22 nd 1865

Subject.

To, Captain Goodfellow
Reports case of two colored men who
complain that Mr Lane aft Bureau must
not give them justice -

2^d M. Dept. Office
Washington, D. C.
Nov 15/65

To, J. M. Goodfellow

Your return of Quarters Master's
Stores as taken for U. S. G. S. & Supt B. R. F. & A. I.
for the month of Sept 1865, has been recd, and when
examined, will be sent to the Third Auditor of the
Treasury for Settlement, of which you will be duly
notified.

By order of the 2^d M. Dept

Office Capt Comdr. a. B. R. F. & A. I.
Montgomery Ala Nov 16th 1865.

In accordance with my request
of 15th Inst I paid transportation for two persons to
Chattanooga.

Wants leave of Mrs. Gifford agent
for M. & C. R. R. to leave a house on Companies
land, for 1 year. Transportation for self
wanted. Naomi & William, colored orphan
children claimed by a rebel widow wants them
to stay with the uncle & aunt Paul & Naomi
to stay at Shore.

No. Name of writer.

Date

186 John Lawrence.

Nov 8th 1865.1862, Dr E. P. Fitch. requisition
on J. M. Goodfellow

See Endowment book p. 24)

Nov 15th 1865.

Subject.

Bureau A. F. & S. L.

Bureau of Hy. & N. C.

Capt Comm. office.

Hatchville Nov 8th 1865.

Telegraph Goodfellow

I succeeded yesterday in making some collections. The delay was owing to inaccuracy of the rolls. The sums collected are as follows, less 5 per cent retained for collecting.

Colman Hall	\$ 27.00
Jeff Jones	24.00
Washington Sims	24.00
Jas Hall	24.00
Thos Weder (or his widow)	25.00
Dennis Jordan	28.00
	\$152.00

I hope this will be satisfactory. Inspection is done more often, on account of the inaccuracy of reports. If any of the boys fail to get the amt due them, and will report the case, I will do all I can to look up their claims.

It is better for men having small claims to send them to me with power of attorney, for it cost much to come, and they soon spend all they are to get waiting and we can not hurry this kind of business. Red tape can't be cut.

Hoping you are in health and enjoying yourself, I remain, as always

Yours Truly

Officer Surg in charge. Bureau, Refugees & Freedmen

Sub Diet Huntwell also

Requisition for buildings to be used for Hosp^l purposes for Refugees & Freedmen in Sub Diet Huntwell

(Approved by J. M. Goodfellow Chap^l of A. S. L. &c &c)

No. Name of writer. Date.

Subject

187. J. W. Patterson.

Nov 22nd 1865.

Colored man Granville paid Jan 1st 1866. by administrators to Estate of Garmen Morris for \$100. Garmen quit Aug 7th has paid \$20. Who is to have balance &c.

188. C. O. Whilney.

Nov 22nd 1865

Reports from Scottsboro the report of W. J. of 11th & having spent values; also states there are several destitute families, who actually suffering for food. In these families of Thomas with (14) fourteen children, the oldest one is only 11 years of age & lives in him by first time in poverty.

189. C. C. Adair a Gen. to
5 M. Goddard.

Nov 25th 1865
By Telegraph.

Montgomery Ala Nov 25th 1865.
The memorial man is here & will probably start for your place tomorrow or next day if he does not will order you down by Telegraph.

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190. Mrs Anne A. Roberts.
To Major Goddard
Albany

Albany Ala Nov 26th 1865

Wishes possession of her plantation in Sumter Co. Ala, ^{now} as a corral, now ~~used~~ by the Govt & in charge of Mr. Madam; & also requests authority to hold the cabins built on her land for the use of contrabands.

No. Name of writer. Date.

191. O. A. Pymms. Courtlandale Nov 23rd 1865.
To J. M. Goodfellow.

Subject.

After making a requisition upon you for a limited amount of supplies to feed the starving colored people in my county (Laurens) I will take the liberty of presenting to you my views on the great question of Free Labor & the course the general Govt should adopt towards the colored people of the Southern States. It is an undeniable fact that the negro is no longer a slave, but a free man. And this has been brought about by the late civil war, which was just closed. The change from slavery to freedom has been so very sudden that the negro is not prepared to take for it. Consequently the Govt has thought proper to hold a supervisory power over him for his own good & protection. Whilst the Govt is extending relief to the black man, it is not opposing the white man. Now, say as the Govt has let these ignorant people free, it is the duty of the Govt to see that they do not suffer the present winter for the necessities of life & to do so properly, in my opinion the proper authorities should at once instruct you to provide suitable places of refuge, where the destitute can be cared for in a proper way. These people have been slaves from infancy & of course are not educated, but they have not learned to provide or even think for themselves, is it not the duty of to protect & take care of these people until they learn to provide & make contracts for themselves. I tell you most positively, if the Govt does not act promptly in this matter, there will be more misery & suffering among the colored people during this winter than was ever witnessed in this country as far as I am concerned that the planters are waiting until about the time when the negroes will have to either make contracts or leave their old homes, thinking they can then dictate their own terms to the negroes & will accept any terms rather than be turned out of doors without food or the proper clothing to keep them comfortable. Sir in my opinion, something is not done & that speedily, there will be riotous mobs which will cause every good person heart ache. If the Govt

No. Name of writer. Place

191. O. N. Pymund.

192. M. Hodgkisson To
S. R. Wadsworth

Received of
Paw 25th Little Rock

193. Jas W Stewart. M.D.
To J. M. Scott & Co.

Nov 25th 1865.

Florence Ala
Nov 23rd 1865.

Subject

will establish a place of refuge for colored people to go, until they can obtain labor at a fair price, you will see labor go up to \$20. per month in ten days. Lawrence County has been raided & now until we have nothing left for white or black I we must have relief from some source & I think the Govt the proper body to apply to

Yrs Very Truly

O. N. Pymund

against O. R. F. & S.

Lawrence County Ala

Office Capt R. F. & S.

Sub Dist. Newbould Ala

The property of Mr. A. B. Hobbs has been restored to her possession; but said restoration does not effect any lease, or, give her claim for damages committed by the Govt. But as soon as you can accommodate her with any part of it without damage to the interests of the colored people, do so.

I am joined in the request by many citizens of this county as well as Capt C. A. Tenge the agent of the Freedman's Bureau that you would visit our town at the earliest opportunity and address the colored people as we are satisfied that a talk from you would be productive of much good to all parties. Give us notice that we may have it published through the county.

Respectfully

No. Name of Miller

Date

194. Saml A. Heathworth &
E. M. Hargreaves.Freedman's Camp Near
Decatur Junction Nov 25th 1865.195. Abram J. Wilbur &
E. M. Hargreaves.Nov 27th 1865.

Subject

I have the honor to report the following case to you. This is one Cherry Hayes (widow) of Athens Ala who holds a note against Mr Hatch of same place. The note has been running for over three years after maturity (the same being borrowed money) one payment has been made this year to the amt of \$6. The note was handed to me for collection, but Mrs Tanner being appointed agent for this county, I gave it over to him. He being an endorser on the note, after he was released by Mr Lane the note was handed over to him, he being in collusion with Tanner, they intend to cheat the old woman out of her just dues. At the time I gave the note to Tanner he agreed to make out a new note for six months, accruing six % and interest, which he failed to do. Now Hatch has sold his property in Athens for over \$3000⁰⁰ & has moved to Merriamville Ala & won't pay the old woman.

I respectfully request that some measures be taken by which the old woman can get her money, as the woman was a good negro, is a hard working, honest & respectable person & needs the money.

Bureau of F. & S. Office of Sub Dist
Merriamville Ala

The man that I recommended to relieve me if any one is to do it is named Louis Wright. I think he will take the place but he is undecided. If my administration is satisfactory why should I not continue as before. I am no more cost to the Govt here than with my regiment. I am well satisfied with the place.

There is a class, who rather than rent land, will let it lay idle. Fortunately not a very large class, but having large plantations.

A. J. Wilbur. Capt 22. 2d Regt.

No. Name of writer Date

196. Wm H Wade May 40 U.S. 68 Sec'd quarters.
To F M Goodfellow. Onagfort Ala Nov 20 1868

197. J W Alvord. Supr to Nov 26th 1868
New Orleans
To F M Goodfellow.

198. John Green. agt to. Tusculum Nov 27th 1868.
To F M Goodfellow.

Subject

Will you be kind enough to send me a provision return, for three refugees. The persons in question are a Mrs Ladd & two children. Mrs Ladd's husband was killed in the Federal Army. She has now drawn his back pay or bounty, and as he enlisted in a "Merchmen Reg't - 4th Ohio Cavalry, I do not think she can mil. She & her children are suffering for something to eat. If it is in your power, send the provision return, as requested.

By Telegram
Where is Merrill of the Freedmen's Bank Savings?

Officially (P.R.T. & S.L.)

There was quite a disappointment on the 19th inst. There was a large no of Freedmen & citizens here to hear your talk. There is quite a change come over the minds of the freedmen. Since I last wrote you I have closed several contracts where they have rented lands & give a no per cent of the crop. I have closed only one contract for money. That was today for \$200. I refused to approve a contract today for a gentleman Russell's valley. 20 miles South of this. He had agreed to give me 1 man ten dollars for month by the year & 10 women Eight. Giving them nothing but their food. I thought it too much & I told him I would refer the matter to you. There is quite a no of orphan children in this county. Can they be found or apprenticed. Enclosed I send a letter from Mr Alexander for your instruction. A short time since the Sheriff of the county as administrator sold all the meat & corn on the place & under the same running neither meat or corn for the support of the Freedmen for some days. They having not faithfully through the year in raising & gathering the crop. I have not much to say about the Freedmen's Bank Savings.

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No. Name of writer. Date.

199. Wm Alexander to
Esq. Genl. Tuleman
(Letter enclosed in No. 198.)

Nov 13. 1864

Subject

There is a freedman, and seven children at the late residence of Dr J V Johnson & formerly his property, that will starve if there is not something done for them. The has about half seven & the children aged from two years to an infant of 2 months. The oldest are girls. The second of them a cripple from a burn. The woman is sound in body, but has not sense enough to provide for her children. Their father died last Spring. The place is rented out, & all the provisions sold. I will provide for them until I hear from you. I could have them bound to me, as white children are bound, except education, that would be impossible. There is also several old helpless freedmen in the place. What are they to do?

200. C H Dymond, agt B.R.F. & S. Nov 28th 1864.
To F M Goodfellow.

I have sent up to you a very hard card Frank Pitts. The charges against him are as follows
1st Borrowing a pistol from Mr Watkins a returned soldier & then selling the same which is a breach of trust. 2nd Having three living wives & robbing Tom Watkins of \$20. in gold & lawful money under the following circumstances. He married Tom's daughter & after she agreed to marry, Tom gave him \$20. to buy her (Frank) an outfit suitable to appear decent in. These facts are beyond controversy

also send requisition
for rations for 128
Men, Women & children

C H Dymond
agt B.R.F. & S.
Sumner Co Va

No. Name of writer.

Date

Subject

201. E. M. Snipe.
Cleveland aka
to E. M. Goodfellow.

Nov 27th 1865.

asks information how to proceed to receive the pay
or relief for the widows of Colored Soldiers who were killed
or died in the service of the United States.

202. Geo. W. Howard. S. A. genl
Fayetteville Tenn
to Chapln Goodfellow.

Oct 7th 1865.

As a 2nd Military Division of the Tennessee
VIII Wm Roberts Co. Co. 110 Regt. is hereby detailed
to report to Chapln Goodfellow, Supt. Huntsville Dist at
Huntsville aka for duty in Bureau Refuges &c.
By command of Major Genl Thomas

203. Major Genl O. Howard
Comm of Bureau

Oct 4th 1865.

War Department
Bureau Refuges, Freedmen & S. Lands
Washington D. C.

Circular relating to finding out of orphan children
according to State laws where they make no distinction
of color.

204. M. F. Halls to
E. M. Goodfellow

Atlanta aka
Nov 28th 1865.

The woman Nellie Ann Rebecca Minor tells me
that her husband is lodged in jail here. For
what crime he was arrested or by whom he was put
there, she can't find out. I sent her Judge Lane,
but she don't seem to have obtained any satisfaction.
But she will tell her own story.

No.	Names.	Date.
205.	Genl W Mayne to Lt Midler	By Telegraph. Montgomery also Nov 30/65
206.	Young Campbell Hastings Tenn 1st Lt 100 regt 100. U.S.A. in charge transportation	Nov 28th 1865.
207.	Samard Wright Returning officer	Montgomery Nov 28th 1865
208.	Jas M Lane apt BR 3rd Semistone Co. Ala	Dec 1st 1865.
209.	Saml R Wadsworth In charge Camp. Decatur junction. Nov 30th 1865.	Nov 30th 1865.
210.	Jas C Bradley (detached) Hastings Ala	Nov 28th 1865.

Subject

Have let Mr W I Clarke that I can recognize the
sale by Genl Ficks Quotations since the transfer
of Rock also to my care.

Spt Comr office. B.R. Ficks &
Schneiderman receipt of Despatch and send orders
for 1 transportation
(1 inclosure)

Calling attention to circular 17 from Washington Sept 20/65.
Estimates required in sec 4. must not be omitted & should
specify every name in Dist so should be forwarded on first
of every month.

Replies in relation to note filed by Cherry Hayes against Mr
Thack. that he did not know of said note until turned over
to him by Mr Fanner. former agent. when he immediately saw
Thack. & made him pay \$50. on the note, asks if he shall
see Cherry before the courts. Pronounces statements of Wadsworth
at Decatur junction as to his complicity with Fanner. to shut
Cherry out of money. a full record to

Reports number of destitute freedmen in that Camp.

Application & petition for the appointment of L E Stearns as apt
for Jackson Co. Mr Bradley recommends also that that portion of Marshall
Co. lying north of the Tennessee river be added to his Dist. if he is appointed.
He is the Treasurer of National revenue and is all right.

No. Name of writer

Date

Subject

211. James M Lane
Capt RR & S
Lincolnton Co. Ala

Decr 1st 1865.
Returns

States that Gus Blair, husband of Nellie (wid. Cond) was indicted by Grand Jury for grand larceny, also gives names of 5 others men and 3 women for larceny, all of whom are now in jail. Committed by a justice of the peace.

This in answer to directions from this office to report all confined and that of Gus at once. (E.B. Page 23)

(3 enclosures)

212. James Paragh.
Returns also
in behalf of Mrs Anne S Hobbs.

Novr 5th 1865.

Requests that the proper authorities issue an order to prevent the removal of cotton, fruit of timber from Mrs Anne S Hobbs farm, to the hands of other persons to be used for Govt purposes.

213. John Lawrence.
Capt 15 U.S.C.S.

Washville Tenn Decr 1st 1865

I succeeded today in procuring your Dft. for \$310⁵⁰ which you will find enclosed. I read it about twenty times. I hope you will find it all right.

Wishing you health, and hoping to hear from you again and often, I am as always &c &c

214. Briggs & Co

Washville Tenn Decr 2nd 1865

Mr Howard directed us to sell with Mr Ford, fellow for 750 lb Cotton ~~at~~ at the market price on the day the order should not be presented. This direction was given after the order had once or twice been presented.

The price of cotton today is 40 to 42c per lb & we pay for the above at latter figure as per directions of Mr Howard.

215. D. M. Martin
1st Lt. Co A. 18. U.S.C.S.
Company Co

Washville Ala Decr 5th 1865

to Mr Ford, fellow. Capt. Camp. 18th U.S.C.S.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Description list of private John Smith. Co A. 18. U.S.C.S. now on duty at your office.

No. Name of writer.

Date

Subject

216. E. P. Fitch. a. Long u. a. Deer 1865
To J. M. Goodfellow.

Office Surgⁿ in charge
Refugees & Freedmen Hosp^l
Wentworth Ala Decr 1865

I have the honor to make application to you for help, to clear out & prepare the building known as the "Miller property" for the purpose of using them for a Hosp^l for the benefit of the sick & disabled Refugees & Freedmen of this Sub Dist. Also for a sufficient number of Buckets, Brooms & scrubbing brushes to enable them to do so, & to be returned as soon as the work is finished.

216i. A. P. Livermore.
Lt & Prov. Mar. Decatur

Decr 6th 1865.

writes to H. Sharritt in relation to robbery of discharged Soldier had a Capt. Pickens arrested at Semmesville & although the testimony of the negro was positive as to his identity. advised for the defense influenced his release. (See B. book page 28)

217. Wilmer W. W. to
J. M. Goodfellow

Tenn Nov 5th 1865

Report of Freedmen's Schools
2 Schools supported by Tenn^a F. R. Society
1 Male & 2 Female Teachers
Primary & Scholars.
Female 30. Male 60 - 90
average attendance. Novr. 80
Advanced School
Females 40. Males 30 - 70
average Novr 60
2 Female Teachers from Indiana
1 Male Teacher Wilmer W. W. from Tenn^a
Female Teacher. P^a \$20. for Month. Male \$30. "
Schools making good progress.
1 Large Sabbath School in prosperity.

No. 1 of minor.

Date.

Subject.

218. J. E. Sampson, For. Mar.
To J. M. Godfellow

Stevenson Nov 6th 1865

May a Lambert a returned Federal Soldier collected rent for his farm for 2 years back. Then it was taken away because he was a minor man.

Question is at a question to be settled by the Bureau? or Military? Mr. Bryant unfit as agent for the Bureau.

218. J. M. Godfellow To
Capt. Sherratt.
Pay 257 Lites sent

Office Supt B.R.F.S.A.
Sub Dist. Huntsville
Dec 8th 1865

Respectfully urged to Capt Sherratt Dist For Marshall
The Bureau has no jurisdiction as the parties are both
White. Hope you will act in behalf of the discharged
Soldier.

219. For Brig Major Injured to
J. M. Godfellow

Dec 23rd 1865

Office, Assistant Comr. State of Alabama
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Lands
Montgomery Ala Nov 23rd 1865

Special order. No 38

The property of Mrs Jane Warden now in charge
of Chaplain J. M. Godfellow Supt of this Bureau at Huntsville Ala,
will be returned to her on receipt of this order and all rent due
from her for said premises and unpaid upon the same discharged.

The property of L. P. Walker at Huntsville now in charge
of Chaplain Godfellow Supt of this Bureau will be returned to
him on receipt of this order. This restoration will not be con-
-strued to carry with it the right of rents accruing prior
to this order.

The property of Robert Springgins now in charge
of Chaplain J. M. Godfellow Supt of this Bureau at Huntsville
Ala, will be returned to him by that officer on receipt of
this order and presentation with it of the Warrant of Amnesty
from the President of the United States to said Springgins
the same being in his application alleged to exist but not
presented at this office.

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No. Name of writer. Date.

220. Col C. C. Cade Jr. a a g m
To J. M. Goodfellow

Montgomery Dec 5/65

Subject.

Office apt Comr. State of Ala.
Bureau of R. F. & A. L.

I have the honor to enclose herewith blank orders
for transportation from No 61 to 7 inclusive.

At the end of the month I will report
number of persons and place for ^{which} each one is
guilted out.

Please acknowledge receipt.

221. E. P. Shackelford.
To J. M. Goodfellow.

Dec 8/65

Office Freedmen's Bureau
Circuitland Ala

Your favor of the 6th inst is at hand, with (Sub)
checks for rations to be issued and would most respectfully
ask, for what length of time the amt of Rations designated
in the Schedule is intended. (how much for day or week)

This Schedule being for adults, what is to be done
for the children?

Since Mr Byrnes reports 21 adults & 10 small
children have been to me as being destitute and without
means of subsistence.

222. An. Drew. To
J. M. Goodfellow.

Dec 8/65

County agts Office B. R. F. & A. L.
Tusculum Ala

I recd yours of the 6th inst, have notified the
agent at Florence that you will make a speech
there on Tuesday next, and will have all needful
arrangements made here for Wednesday. There is
a daily line of hacks from this place to Florence
and back daily - leaving here at 8 A.M. & return
at 4 P.M. I will have all things arranged

No. Name of miler. Date.

223. Pvt Brig Major Smyth to
F M Goodfellow.

Decr 1st 1865

224. Col C Coach. To
J W Miller. apt Sept

Montgomery ala
Decr 9th 1865.

Subject.

Office Apt Commr. State of America
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Lands
Montgomery ala

Special order

No. 41.

Chaplain F M Goodfellow Capt Freedman
Dist of Huntsville also will transfer to the proper
owner or owners a certain farm and dwelling-house
in Madison County Alabama known as the Ewing place,
on the presentation of to him of the warrant of amnesty,
or an attested copy thereof from the President of the United
States to Stephen E Ewing the owner of said place.

All rents accruing on said place up to the time of
the presentation of said Warrant of amnesty are to be
paid Chaplain Goodfellow for the benefit of this Bureau.

The property of George W Rice a citizen of
Jackson County, known as the Skumatch Reservation,
containing six hundred and forty acres more or
less now in charge of F M Goodfellow Capt of this
Bureau for the District of Huntsville will be trans-
ferred to him on the expiration of the present
lease of the property made by Chaplain Goodfellow
and which lease expires on the 1st day of
January 1866.

By Telegraph

A Statement of W F Clarke. Same has been forwarded to
Genl Howard for instructions. Either they were recd + no
transfer of the property will be made. Mr Goodfellow has
full instructions. That the action the dispatch of 30th ult
was not answered. Genl Howard's instructions on the
subject will be telegraphed.

No. Name of writer.

Date.

Subject.

225. John H Cochran To
T M Godfellow.Dec 9th 1865

Refugee. Freedman & Abandoned Land
State of Kentucky, Tennessee & Ala
Spt Comm office
Nashville, Tennessee.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th ult, with inclosed letter from Chap Laurence in regard to the Colored Baptist Church at Nashville Ala, and in reply to say that the papers in the case were referred to Major Paul Geo St Thomas. Comdg. Mil. Div. of the Army, on Sept 6th 1865.

226. Cherry Lane. To
T M GodfellowAthens Ala
Dec 4th 1865.

I wish to lay before you my grievances & asking you for redress. Soon after Paul Turchan left this place my house was burned & I was left without a place of shelter. I asked Mr R. Menden & obtained his consent to occupy his house in town he offering "you will be a protection to my property" He offered me the house for a charge for three months when the three months expired I made a bargain with him for the house at Fifty (\$50.) Dollars per year. The year went I paid when due & still occupied the house. I made several efforts to make a bargain with him for another year but he always sends a direct answer. So matters went on in this way until Paul Stagg came to Athens when the Union troops took possession of and held the house all that year except the kitchen they allowed me to retain in order to cook for the troops. Now Mr Menden insists I shall pay him for the whole time the Federal troops held the house. But some the agent of Freedman's Bureau has decided that I must pay Menden. Mr Menden has commenced suit against me for the recovery of the rent. Will you please give me some information how to proceed.

Very Truly, For Cherry Lane

No. Name of writer.

Date.

227. St Col Wm H. Wade to
Capt GoodfellowDec 9th 1865

Subject.

Head Quarters. 40th U.S. Col.

Bridgeport Ala

Will you send me a provision return for a man, who has been enlisted while in the employment of the Government. The man in question is a colored man.

Please send provision return for Mrs Sudd & her children and one woman, in all, four persons.

228. ~~Wm H. Wade to~~E. T. Shackelford Capt
& E. M. Swope. both at
Cleveland AlaCleveland Ala
Dec 9th 1865.

Enclosed communication from E. M. Swope who asks that 5 old and infirm and 3 children be removed from his place and old man to be required to remove his wife & 2 small children, also to send a little girl & woman to Huntsville to her husband. Acty agt wants to know what is to be done in such cases, and if children can be apprenticed as white children

229. C. C. Whiting to
Capt Goodfellow

Scottsboro Ala Dec 13, 65.

(By Telegraph)

I will go to Stevenson today & notify you by telegraph of what I do. What do you think of Walter for agent? & the question of the peace must do. Please answer at Stevenson.

230. C. C. Whiting to
Jm. Goodfellow

Huntsville Tenn Dec 14 65

(By Telegraph)

I have appointed Wilson Walters agt at Stevenson. Please send to Scottsboro some as convenient, transportation for Mrs Carter & 3 children from Scottsboro to Decatur Ga & for Mrs Wilson & 3 children from Scottsboro to Jacksonville Scott Co. Illinois. Through Nashville Louisville Indianapolis Lafayette Rensselaer Thru to Jacksonville Ills.

No. Name of writer. Date

230. Abram S. Miller to Gualternilla Ala Dec 12/55
J M Goodfellow.

Subject.

Poor and Refugee, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office 1st Sup. Sub. Dist. Huntsville

The Judge of Probate of this County has submitted to me the names of 3,400 white people who, he thinks, needs subsistence from some charity source. Out of that number I think there is one thousand who need active subsistence and perhaps two thousand more who will average half rations subsistence making in all 2,000 rations per day. The Judge also estimates that there would be one thousand blacks but I think that too large but that figure would make the total 3,000 rations per day. I understand that the intention is to feed only those who are unable to keep hunger away by labor & a strict application of this rule would reduce these figures some but not very much. I have estimated that a man without means & with three children should have about $\frac{1}{3}$ support. Is it intended to furnish the army rations or only bread & meat. I earnestly recommend the latter course as other articles would be lost in the army and if possible the bread should be corn (not meal) for that is the most common & desirable food here & is cheapest & meal will spoil in transportation. I have had an offer by the owner of all the river transportation, Major Maylor to ship from Bridgeport for 80¢ per barrel and if he can have a large amt delivered at once and at 8¢ if only small amount. I think I can get it for less if the cash is to be paid at once so that he will not have to take vouchers. Could these supplies be drawn at Bridgeport? Could not Major Maylor be ordered to carry at Govt rates? Will De Kalb & Blount Counties draw from this point? I want to arrange to have transportation begin as soon as I can hear from you authorizing it. The man that I recommended to relieve me I believe new claims on account of the amount of work to be done. I know of no one else that I could recommend at present. I have requested the Judge of De Kalb County to send me an estimate of the number needing supplies there.

N^o Name of writer Date

231. Jas M Lane. Agt. Athens Decr 13, '85
to E. C. W. S. Miller

232. Saml A. Madenoth Jr. Decatur Junction Dec 10/85
to M. C. G. G. G.

233. Jas M Lane to
St. Michael

Athens also Decr 13/85

Subject.

The case of Benj Ward against Sarah Fletcher Cotton for a cow was last Saturday tried a second time by me without any other proof - King Barret says that the keeper was given to his wife in March 1864 & had a calf about March 1865. by the Soldier of United States, the jury was positive that Mr Ward's cow. You decided that if found to be Ward's cow, the colored woman should have pay for keeping her. Mr C. B. McKim was sworn & says that he is now keeping cows at ten dollars per the winter & that is what its worth & that the milk from the cow was worth for keeping since that time. ordered word to pay ten dollars.

Jas M Lane. Agt
B. R. J. & A. Lander
Leimington Co

I have the honor to acknowledge the recd of your communication of the 7th inst. and in reply would state, there has been no permanent building or any firm efforts around before or since your notice. The cabins that were moved, the pine logs were got from Peter Garrett's farm, not off the Kettle place, and the lumber was got at Decatur from the 102nd U. S. V. by myself which I payed for out of my pocket. I have left over 20 cabins that have been put up over: the logs that I am now burning a coal kiln, I got of Peter Garrett. At the time of the settlement I got a bill of sale from Paul Fick's D. M. for all the new pine buildings moved & for all the farming implements. I would respectfully ask what are to be done with these poor Freedmen? I am purchasing 15. to keep them from suffering, I sent up a list of them the 1st of this month, but have not received any return. I trust your immediate attention will be paid to this.

Makes statement of case of Henry H. W. C. vs R. J. Munroe
also makes letter of from M. C. G. G.

No. Name of witness Date

234. Mr E. Clibland
Capt & a gent

Decr 14th 1865.

235. J. M. Goodfellow To
Lt Major.

Furcumbria Ala Dec 13, '65

Subject.

Ad Gen Dist Huntsville Ala
The Genl Comdg suggests that you give what
assistance may be in your power to this old lady in
making a statement of the atrocities committed by this
man Warren and others, and the impossibility of procuring
a civil trial &c. The statement will be forwarded to Ad.
Dtrs. Mil. Div. Tenn with a request for the appointment
of a Mil. Comr.

The Genl is of opinion it would be better made
from the Deem or a Lawyer.

You will ship at once to address of S. H. Green apt
Frederick's Barrens, Furcumbria Ala, the following
rations, waiting the return from the 10th to the 3rd inst.

Colored Men 18

Women do 69

Children do 141 228

I am this attended to as soon as possible.
Tell Mrs G that I am well, will be back as soon
as possible. It is cold as Greenland -

(written subsequently in same sheet) I am &c
The county judge has reported

Whites - Men 11

" Women 90.

" Children 226. 327

111 full Rations.

J. M. Goodfellow

No. Name of writer Date

236. O. Morley Patterson. Sgt
to J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 9th 1885

237. Miss M. F. Wells. Teacher
to J. M. Goodfellow. Atland Nov Dec 12/85
(School Report)

238. Jas C Turner. to
J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 12th 1885.

Subject

Agent Freedman's Bureau
for Morgan Co Ala
Mr Patterson, writes in relation to a robbery supposed to have
been committed by one Capt Seltzer. The accused was arrested
& brought to Decatur & tried before him (Capt Archibald) comdr
of the post being present during the investigation) and after
hearing ^{him} the testimony on both sides & being convinced of
the innocence of Capt Seltzer, & his presence at another
place at the time engaged in business, he was acquitted. The
decision was approved by Capt Archibald.

Mr Patterson also states he had undoubted proof
that the robbery was committed by John Ferry and
William Sams - and his own for their ^{of} arrest had
been made; & the parties need to be arrested.

Western Freedman's aid Association Cincinnati Ohio
Reports the School in Athens Ala. & no scholars enrolled viz
Male. 113. - Female. 129. - Total. 242. - Attendance 190.
No. of Teachers. 3. - Salary of 2. \$20. per month. The Third is 6
weeks more \$20. per month. She has been receiving nothing yet.
Since the commencement of the year. Teachers all hail from
Michigan & are paid by the Western Freedman's aid Com. Ad
Qtrs, Cincinnati Ohio. The teachers are much devoted to
their instructions of the pupils & are very happy & so

I understand you design visiting the Clemens plantation
near Macadam station. I hope you will in the work you do.
I would like very much to superintend the place for you, as I
was reared there & on a farm & had eight years experience
in raising Cotton. I believe that I could give you satisfaction. I am
a nephew of John Clemens & can give you good references. I will ^{you} be glad to see you.

Name of writer.

Date.

Subject.

239. James A. Patterson. To Tusculum Ala Dec 8/65
 & Mr. Cordy Allen.

Having conferred with the agent of this County (Ezra Green) on the subject of orphan & hapless juveniles, I shall, feeling it a duty & care to them, address you in their behalf.

There are thousands in this County that must suffer this winter unless the General Government assist them to food & clothing. I think there is generally a wish on the part of their former owners to try & keep them comfortable & happy. But many persons are so ruined by the war that they are not able to provide for their own families.

This is my condition. I have suffered greatly and cannot provide comfortably for my own large family. While at the same time, there are several blacks who are unable to support themselves and must suffer. Viz. a woman & 11 small children & one old woman 70 years of age, and 8 orphan children. One of these orphan families I in number I would try & take care of if appointed to me. So there are 10 with me that must be provided for, or they must suffer. I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject. It is one that justice & humanity require attention too.

240. Mrs. Francis Dawson & Son
 Staunton Va this office
 Asheville Ala Dec 15/65

Officer Capt R. J. & S. L. Sub Dist. Huntsville
 Reports that on the 5th day of January 1866. certain persons, named, purporting to belong to the rebel army, came to their house and took away their son Bob Dawson and others, mentioned, treated them with great inhumanity and on the 12th of same month murdered them. The charge against said Dawson was "that he carried the gun river & took the oath of allegiance to the U.S.". One because "he was a Union Man who had never been in the rebel army", the other because "he was a doctor & had treated some women". That the murderers are in Tusculum & in Staunton Co. Va. also that Major Hanna, Capt. Lincoln, & one Long took five Federal soldiers out of the hands of a 1000 rebels & murdered them on the 12th of Jan.

- | No. | Name of soldier. | Date. |
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| 241. | C. C. Whitney. To
Major Goodfellow. | Scottsboro. Dec 18/85. |
| 242. | John Sonzys. Counseland aka
To J. M. Goodfellow. | Dec 18 th 1885. |
| 243. | Lt Col J. H. Mears. 18. U.S.C.S.
To J. M. Goodfellow. | Dec 18 th 1885.
Dec 19 th 1885. |
| 244. | E. M. Mears. Teacher
Florence aka
Report to J. M. Goodfellow. | Nov 30 th 1885. |

Subject.

(By Telegraph)

Quint. Mear. a. C. S. at Bridgeport will call on you this a. m. Please furnish him a ration return for Bridgeport. The rations I draw will not be sufficient for Larkinsville, Harpers & this place.

I rec'd a note from Mr. Sprope today relative to your wish to rent a plantation in this neighborhood for certain purposes. I have not time today to examine the place, but will do so on Monday and write to you by Tuesday's mail, giving you a full description of the place & any thing pertaining thereto, with the price to

Special orders

No. 120.

In accordance with instructions from Port Commandant, the following named enlisted men of the 18th U.S.C.S. are hereby released from duty with their companies, and will at once report for duty to Chaptn J. M. Goodfellow, Supr Freedmen's Bureau.

Private Obidiah Sommers. Co. 'F'.
" Henry Dobb. " 'C'.

By order of Lt Col J. H. Mears
W. H. Gault
1st Lt & Capt

Report of School of Freedmen, kept by E. M. & J. H. Mears. in this place. Under O. S. Pres appointment. Acad Quarters. Filledburg. Tenn. No. Schools. 97. Males. 41. Females. 56. Advancement. Rapid.

Name of writer.

Date.

245. C. P. Shackelford to
Miss Goodfellow.

Courtland Ala Dec 19/85

246. John Lemggs.
Courtland Ala
to J. M. Goodfellow.

Dec 18th 1885

Subject.

Office - Freedmen's Bureau

Our town is daily troubled by lawless and drunken persons, who seem to make it their special business to insult citizens and hinder them in their peaceable pursuits, throw stones and otherwise maltreat Freedmen. In consideration of there being no means of enforcing civil law at present, nor the Bureau being able to render any assistance for want of adequate force, I would respectfully ask, that a small squad say about 20 men be detached and sent here to assist the Bureau in carrying out Regulations and give protection to white & colored citizens.

I would beg that they might remain here at least until Jan'y 1st. There is a large building formerly an institute, where the men would find comfortable quarters.

In sending mine at an early day, will oblige. Yours &c

According to promise by yesterday's mail I will give you an impartial description of the plantation heretofore alluded to. I think it a good average one for its size about 600 acres open land sufficient fenced on most of it and crop fence enough to make the balance good. 13 Negro Cabins some waiting repairing &c and there is several other houses on the place that could be converted into cabins a good comfortable dwelling house 4 rooms below with fire places and other necessary out-houses, ouths, Stables &c. The dwelling & cabins are near the middle of the plantation road on every side. I am offering the place for fifteen hundred dollars. There is no Cotton Gin on the place but if you will have one built we will pay for it. There is plenty of timber convenient to the place for all building purposes. I think the place will suit you immediately & so it or write to me by return mail. I will meet you on the place or at any place in the neighborhood any day this week. You may appoint, or if you wish I will come to Nashville & see you on the 20th.

No. Name of writer. Date
 247. J. M. Goodfellow. To
 Col. C. C. Cade. A. A. G. M.
 Montgomery Ala.

Transmitted to Ark
 "Letter sent.
 No 151.

247. Col. C. C. Cade. A. A. G. M.
 Montgomery Ala.
 To Chap. Goodfellow

Subject.

Office Supt. R. I. & A. L.

Sat. Dist. Huntsville Ala.

I have just received a copy of the law passed by
 the Legislature in reference to apprentices + contracts.
 What course is the Bureau to pursue?

Both laws please the rebels here, and displease
 the Union men.

Very Respectfully &c

P.S. There are many destitute needing food, &c.
 Shall I provide for them? Please telegraph.

Very Respectfully

Office apt. Comm. State of Alabama
 Bureau R. I. & A. L.

Special orders -

No. 48. Chap. J. M. Goodfellow. Supt. R. I. &
 A. L. Dist. Huntsville Ala., will transmit to Mr. E. D. Vaper
 the possession of a certain house & lot situated in Athens Ala.
 the title to which vests in her and which she is now occupying
 upon the presentation to him of the warrant of removal from
 the President of the U. States. to the said Mr. Vaper.

By order of Mr. Major Gen. Major Drayton

C. C. Cade. A. A. G. M.

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No Name of miler Date

248. Allen & Wither Co Dec 11th 1865.
Chap'n J. M. Goodfellow.

249. Emma Knight Morgan Ala Dec 11th 1865.
J. J. M. Goodfellow.

Subject

Bureau R. F. & A. L. G. pa aft apt.
Sub. Dist. Huntsville Ala
wishes to know if Capt Mayler is to Transport rations
to Huntsville Ala on his Steamboat. & if he shall take
estimates of other counties and make a list of agents in
neighboring counties. Lewis Wright refuses to take the
office of apt apt 10 at that place, but wishes to know
if the claims (mch. lrp) can be Transported by the Bureau
from Georgia to Huntsville.

Many cases of disorder concerning Freedmen are reported
as coming from De Kalb Co. Had written to Mr Edwards
a prominent man of that Co that freedmen might be tried by
civil courts if freedmen were admitted as witnesses. Wishes
instructions in the case of a man arrested for accidental
killing of a neg. A large amount of business is brought
from Dalton, where the people are somewhat fractious.
Some come from Morgan Co. He had required the
arrest of the Offender Scott, a case referred to him by
St Stafford, but he was not to be found, when he returns
I will send him to you.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dist. Alabama
States that estimates for Nov 1865. have been recd
and approved from Washington, among them the estimates
of Dist. Huntsville for \$401.00. Directs that items be
paid, taking Tropicat notes as vouchers as instructed
in Cir. 17. Bureau Washington. Enclose Tropicat receipts
which will be signed & returned. That this amount be returned
out of funds on hand & forward balance by first opportunity.
Estimate for Dec, not yet received. if not recd send, will forward
without it. (3 enclosures)

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Name of writer.

Date

250. A. C. Bryant. agent
Savannah also
to J. M. Goodfellow.

Dec 19th 1865.

251. F. W. Lestr. Bridgeport
to Chap Goodfellow.

Dec 16th 1865.

Subject.

On Thursday last I was notified by C. C. Whiting Esqr that he was instructed ^{by you} to advise me as agent of Freedmen's Bureau here. No cause assigned. Will you be kind enough to please explain the reasons which prompted you to give the order. No man likes to be betrayed without benefit of at least knowing the accusation. As agent here I do all that any man could do to promote the interest of this people, black & white. I can therefore see no just cause for your action and must think it was done under false accusation from here or false prejudice on your part. governed by false information or false zeal in a good work. - Will you please give me a answer.

Yours

A. C. Bryant.

I will thank you to send me a provision return for about 100 rations for the utterly destitute people of this place & vicinity. They are principally white females, whose husbands have been in the Union army. Some of them now married, others do not know where their husbands are.

But two cases are colored, both severe cases of utter destitution. Please inform me what probability exists of a continuance of issues to such cases, as the applications are increasing in number & frequency.

F. W. Lestr. Col &
Brig Genl
Cmty Port.

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N^o Name of writer.

Date

Contract.

252. William Walton Esqr
Es J. M. Goddard

Sturminster Ala
Decr 17th 1865

States that Washington L. Walton a white citizen of Miss. testifies upon oath that on 15th Inst. the conductor on Train (Cornith and of N & O R.R.) wrongfully took from Mr Foster and Wayne, colored, their tickets which were good to Sturminster this before reaching the Tenn river, thus compelling them to pay \$4- each additional before they could be transferred to Sturminster. Mr Walton examined their tickets and found them to be the same as his which took him to Sturminster. Encloses the affidavits of Mr Walton & of the colored men-

(2 enclosures) Signed

William Walton

(See Ex. book p. 27)

apt R. R. Ex. S. L

Sturminster, Johnston Co Ala

253. Circular No. 3

Decr 15th 1865.

Office apt Comr. State of Ala Decr 15th 1865

~~The prospective interval~~

Montgomery Ala

The prospective interval of thirty days in the present Session of the General Assembly, makes it proper to remind the judicial officers and magistrates of this State, that their duty to act as agents of this Government for the administration of justice, continues, by Constitutional provision, till the close of the Session. Meanwhile, their oath of office, to support the Constitution of the State, and the regulations heretofore promulgated which for a time being form a part of it, require them to continue "in any case to which a Freedman is a party" to "take for their method of procedure, the laws now in force in this State, except so far as those laws make a distinction on account of color."

Walter Mayne

Brut Magr General

Apt Comr

NA 14070 (8-87)

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No. Name.

Date.

Subject.

254. John Green, Sgt
Tusculum Ala
To T. M. Gerrigellon

Dec 19th 1865.

Reports his difficulty & success in getting up a school at Tusculum, has a competent teacher engaged prospects good for 50 or more pupils.

All, except the colored people, pleased with the speech of Capt Semm days ago. Negroes expected news & rumors. More disposition on the part of the colored people to contract mostly for part of crop.

Enclose communications from A. D. Moore (Deputy of Dist Comissioner) regarding a woman & 7 children abducted by her husband John Marshall who is keeping a saloon in Quantville, also who recently got one of his children from there, but refused to care for the mother of them.

(2 enclosures)

255. W. R. Jefford, Sgt. M. S. C. R.
To Genl Meade

Quantville Dec 22nd 1865.

Respectfully returned stating as the transportation was taken up on the West side of the Tennessee River I have no without power to act, I will refer your letters to General Supt at Memphis for his action thereon.

(See B. book. page 27.
(also see this book. No 252.)

256. J. C. Naylor. To
T. M. Gerrigellon

Bridgeport Ala Dec 22/65.

Capt Wilcox commanding at Quantville Ala. requested me to submit proposals to you, for carrying rations to Quantville. I expect to commence running a steamer next week, and as this will be going down stream I will take the rations for Olcutt, Marshall & De Kalb at the rate of 50¢ for human & fowls, instead of eighty (80¢) cents as I proposed to him. Direct to this place. Yours Truly,

No. Name of writer. Date
 257. Cal C. Cade. a. a. genl. Decr 16th 1865.
 To T. M. Goodfellow.

258. Mrs J. M. News. to actual Decr 12th 1866.
 T. M. Goodfellow.

(School Report)

(Record in full See No. 237.)

Subject.

Office apt Comr. State of Ala. B. R. P. & A.
 Montgomery Ala

Your Comr in relation to Colonix is received.
 The General directs me to say that he wishes you to
 try to get the County Commissioners to provide land
 and houses for the destitute, you agreeing to provide
 rations & medicines. If you cannot get them to do
 this, see on what terms you can rent places with
 the expense and the Genl will give you the authority.

Western Freedmen's aid Commission
 Cincinnati, O.

Your favor of the 7th inst, is recd. In reply I have
 the honor to report one school in actual atw. of scholars

Enrolled viz

Male	113
Female	129
Total	242
At attendance	190
W. & Teachers	3

Salary of 2. & 20th per month.

No. Name of niter. Date.

259. J. M. Goodfellow To
 Art. Lt. Col. E. Wright.

R. D. Office. Montgomery Ala.

Transferred to
 J. M. Goodfellow
 J. M. Goodfellow

260. J. M. Goodfellow To
 Art. Major Genl. Wagn. Sprague

Apt. Commissioner
 Montgomery Ala.

Transferred to
 J. M. Goodfellow
 J. M. Goodfellow

Subject.

Office Supt. R. F. & L. Sub Dist. Huntsville
 I have the honor to return the triplicate recd. for estimate
 of Nov. allowed. Would have sent my estimate for Dec.
 sooner, but was so much from home on business.

Will send all current in a few days.

Very Respectfully

When I closed my last interview with you I thought that
 I had instructions to open his Colonies in which to take
 care of the dependent colored people for the coming year,
 as the County authorities were unprepared for the emergency
 but I may have misunderstood your words "go ahead" as
 the close of the conversation on this subject. If the County
 authorities could meet the case, then I think it would
 be best for them to take all their dependent ones, & indeed
 should be compelled to do so, but as the case is, no one that
 I have conversed with yet can see how they can do it. In a letter dated
 the 20th inst, I have given you the outlines of my receipt, which must be
 attended with much care & responsibility, but must be a great work of
 humanity & in the estimation of many of the best men in Ala., a necessity.

With all my plans, however, Dist. Miller is familiar & will explain
 fully. On the first of Jan. I hope to dispose of all the litigation of
 my office, as a number of City officers have been elected. But in
 some of these counties the feeling the feeling of the people against
 the negro is very strong. I am compelled as yet to keep an office & squad of men
 in Marshall Co & last week had to send another squad to Lawrence Co. & expect to have
 do the same thing in the case of Franklin Co. but I think you will find they are backed by
 responsible citizens, not that intelligent people give any trouble, but the racials & hater
 are full of a class of men who do the mean work for the whole County. &
 they cannot be controlled by the present weak arm of the civil authority. My own con-
 viction is, that until the County has time to make a crop & get some heading
 unity. The cheapest way is to run the farms in Ala. by practical men who
 are employed, leaving something for every one to do, and thus provide a home

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No. Name of writer.

200. + two

Date:

201. At Cal W. A. Wade to
Chap. D. D. D. D.

Dec 20th 86.

NA 14070 (9-87)

Subject.

I have then tried to take care of themselves, & demonstrate that
even those dependent on public support and with good management
support themselves. Hoping you will send me explicit orders, I respectfully
submit the following Very Respectfully

Head Quarters 40th & 16th St. San Francisco Cal
In a communication which I sent you some time since, I
 spoke of the claims of some women, whose husbands were killed
 in our army. You indicated upon this communication, that
 an agency had been established by the Freedmen's Bureau,
 for the collection of such claims. Will you be kind
 enough to let me know, the course to pursue, to bring
 such claims before the agency. I would like also
 to have a provision return for Mrs. Gentry and her child
 and Mrs. G's husband was a member of the 10th Tenn
 Cavalry & died in Hospital in Nashville Tenn.

Please answer this at your earliest convenience

(Refers to Major. Solicitor)

No. Name of writer.

Date.

202. W. F. Mitchell. U.S. Sen Com
To Chap Goodfellow.

Salina Home Station S.
Dec 20th 1865.

Subject.

Yours of Dec 18th is just at hand. I regret exceedingly that there should be any want of harmony between Mr Arnold & yourself. I have directed Mr A to fill up all blanks, which may be furnished him for reports to the Bureau and in general to report as required by the Bureau. I presume he has not received my letter. He would know whether he is under obligation to report to you & I replied he was most certainly; as you are a regularly appointed Supt. He will undoubtedly report. I regret exceedingly this state of things. Mr Arnold held his own in Haverhill when there was no Bureau; & I find he has the confidence of the colored people. He has had at times strong temptation to leave his post. (perhaps not the locality). I am anxious for him to remain. I should consider his resignation a calamity; as the introduction of a new person, which it might bring with you, would add greatly to my own cares, now almost overwhelming. I will again write him to report. This is all Mr Ogden requires of the teachers here, and my Society writes from Phila. that the agents of the Bureau are careful, on the coast, to exercise as little supervision of the Am. Schools, as is necessary to the end of their appointment. This is, I think, Col Fiske's plan. I presume it is Col Sprague's.

I was surprised this morning to learn from a letter of yours, that there is great suffering for clothing in North Alabama. There is considerable clothing here, & plenty on the roads. I could have sent long since but no application has been made to me. Where we have teachers, the goods are always sent to them, & to be distributed under their direction. I shall send the delegation at Haverhill a supply for this purpose. If you can reach the districts beyond, where there is suffering, or if you will forward me, the names of reliable persons, in more places, I will forward goods, just as they are sent me from the North. There will be no suffering in Nashville. I remain in prayer for you.

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No. Name of writer.

Date.

202. Supply & Manufacturers

Supply and Manufacturers will be supplied. I am somewhat surprised that Mr Arnold has not written me of the starvation and distribution mentioned in your letter to Pennard &c. goods must have been forwarded long since. I think it cannot be in Huntville, but must be beyond. I will thank you for information on this point. I shall probably be in Huntville soon after New Year, & I hope by that time the difference with ^{Mr} Arnold will be a thing of the past.

203. Jas Dr. Arnold, Dr Teacher Deer 23rd 1865
To F. M. Goodfellow

In compliance with your order of Decr 5th, I respectfully submit the following report of the Huntville Colored Schools.

No. of Schools	3
" " Teachers	6
" " Female do	5
" " Male do	1
" Scholars enrolled	389
" over 10 Years	63.
" under 6	6.
" Reading in 4 th Reader	23.
" " " 3 rd "	47.
" " " 2 nd "	48.
" " " 1 st "	121.
" in Primary & Charts	150.

4 Teachers from Penna. 1 from Wisconsin - 1 from New Hampshire
Wages of Male Teachers for month \$ 30 - Wages Female Teachers for month \$ 20.
Total \$ 130 - Expenses for month of conducting schools \$ 200 -
Three Female Teachers expenses met by Pittsburgh F. aid Commission
Three Teachers expenses met by Penna. F. Relief Association.
another letter same place + date Very Respectfully &c

I am in receipt of a letter from William Watson, Teacher at Shaverston, in which he requests me to ask you if you can speak to the colored people there on Christmas day. If you could he would like to have you telegraph whether it will be in the forenoon or afternoon.

204. Jas Dr. Arnold To
F. M. Goodfellow

Deer 23rd 1865.

No.	Names.	Date.
204.	J. M. Land ^{ag't} Goodfellow To J. M. Land ^{ag't} actions etc	Decr 26 th 1865.
205.	J. M. Goodfellow To Dr Commons actions etc	Decr 26 th 1865.
206.	M. F. Wells. actions etc To J. M. Goodfellow.	Decr 21 st 1865.

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J. S.

Contract.

Office Supt. R. F. & S. Sub Dist. Newburgh and
I am instructed to transfer the litigation in the Bureau as
much as possible to the magistrates, and that I may give it
a full trial. I respectfully advise you of the position of county
agent, and request you to turn over ^{any} papers, money or, any
thing pertaining to the office that may be in your hands
to Dr M. D. Commons. Esqr, who is ~~an~~ authorized to act
in this official capacity.

Very Respectfully

Office Supt. R. F. & S. Sub Dist. Newburgh and
You are hereby authorized & requested to act as agent for the
Bureau R. F. & S. & Land for the County of Livingston and. Relieving
J. M. Land (J. M.) You will dispense justice to the colored people
according to the merits of their claims making no distinction
before the law on account of color.

By order of Post Master Paul Sprague

Yours of the 10th is just recd. Thank you for suggesting the
name of Dr Commons. for Com of Freedmen. Though I do not
know him personally - I think from all account of him,
he is better fitted for the office than any other citizen.

Our Officers have all spoken of him as an excellent
Union man and the colored people regard him as a
good friend of theirs. I hope if the office must be
in the hands of a citizen, Dr Commons may be speedily
appointed. But I suppose whoever consents to see justice
done to the "Miserable Nigger", will at once lose caste in
Society. We have examination on Saturday morning. I wish
you could come up & see our flower garden - Such a profusion
of yellow roses, and black lilies. But in all sober truth
I think our school splendid

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1. Name of writer Date

267. J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 23rd 1865.

268. J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 23rd 1865.

269. J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 28th 1865.

Subject.

Since I saw you I have an offer for some of my land, and if you wish it I can let you have fifteen hundred acres with the improvements at \$5 per acre. Let me hear from you on the subject.

I saw Mr Lill today & he requested me to say to you that he would rent you his place for 1866 (with the exception of the detached 46 acres you now own & which he has under obligation to let me have) for \$2580, Twenty five hundred and eighty dollars, on the following conditions. The buildings erected are not to be removed. The plank fence is to be repaired & the wooden fence left in a good condition, sufficient to make a crop under. The orchard is to be trimmed & cultivated. The prep covered with boards and the ground side of the Gin House uncovered. I will submit Mr Lill's calculation in pencil, on which his calculation is based. If you accept, answer immediately & write a note to Mr Lill to advise the owner of the place of the fact.

(Pencil Memo). Whole place of 2750. viz 650 @ 4.25 = 2750.00
 41 @ 4.25 = 174.25
 189.20 @ 2.580.80.
 2919.20

The Civil Commission District desires that you send to the Ad 2nd as soon as possible a report of all crimes of which you are cognizant & which have been committed by the white people against the blacks, or the reverse, within the limits of this district, since the surrender of the rebel army. as full a report as possible is. It is required by the St General in chief for the information of Congress.
 Very Respectfully &c

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Name of writer.

Date

270. C. C. Whitney to
J. M. Goodfellow.

Securities etc
Decr 28th 1885.

Subject

Enclosed is report of rations spent by him. Had no idea of so many destitute in the county when he asked for rations. Was compelled to refuse at least fifty persons. & could have spent a train load to other applicants. Some complained of rations given, wanted flour instead of hard bread. They say the Govt ought to support them, as they have lost all they had, when they never had anything. Became perfectly disgusted with the refugees & wished I had never seen the rations. Spent to them most money & money. There, who thought bread unfit to eat, got nothing. The poor colored people in this section of country are doing better than the poor whites. All colored men & women within 5 miles, who are able, are at work & making good livings. Please send the transportation for the three families as soon as convenient.

Mr Martin informs me that every thing is satisfactory there. am satisfied Mr Bryant was not removed any for corn.

Suggests that some man be appointed to take charge of the Bureau at Bridgeport. Has more business to do than he can do justice to & for this reason is compelled to ask the acceptance of his resignation as agent of the county.

P.S. Mr Mitchell at this place will attend (withfully) to all matters of the Bureau within his reach.

Very Respectfully &c

271. J. A. Cram, apt Casaminta to
To J. M. Goodfellow

Decr 28th 1885.

I send the following list of rations on last Thursday by Cars.
10 Bbls Pork - 88 Bbls Hard Bread. 3 Bbls Hominy - 1 Bbl Sugar,
1/2 Bbl Salt - (head out) 1/2 Bbl Coffee (head out) No deviations on either
Salt or Coffee. They bring in car with the other freight. I took
charge of them, the bill coming calls for 1100 for freight, when
there is only 8000 Prop. Consequently I receipt for no freight
paid. The number of destitute freedmen is much larger than
we expected. Consequently I am compelled in many instances to
issue 10 days rations to families. That is 10 days to each member

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11. Name of miller.

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Subject.

What have you done in relation to fixing up the colony. When you was here I mentioned to you that there was 2 Colored children at Decatur formerly owned by Kelly M Smith. You said you would have an order with me for them before you left but suppose you forgot to do so. I hope you will find it convenient to forward the order to me for Mr Smith. He is very much attached to the children and I think he would be a better parent for them than any other person. Their names as they are about 11 years of age, Mat is of dark complexion, the other Daisy is yellow.

Like a stir here at this time in the way of contracts every thing quiet & placid except the noise of fire crackers on the streets. I will have a Freedmen's School commence on next Monday. Think it will open with from 35 to 50 scholars. The trustees think the number will be larger, than these figures.

While Male teachers are very competent. Any new instructions Thankfully recd.

272. A. Wesley Halloran. agent
Decatur Ala
To J. M. Goodfellow

Dec 25th 1862.

Office Freedmen's Bureau in Morgan Co
am told & it is generally believed that planters, cannot rent land to Freedmen (by a late act of our legislature) without becoming responsible for their behavior & etc & many who had contracted to rent are now refusing to clear contracts on account of it. I have been particularly anxious & have in any way encouraged Freedmen to rent lands believing to be their best policy. please inform me if such a law was passed and if so does the Freedmen's Bureau recognize it. Contracts are being entered into with a certainty now. Can you furnish me with some blanks also a copy of Col Snay's Circulars No 12 (I think)

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No. Name of writer. Date:

Subject:

273. Lawson C Coulson
Bellefonte Ala
To T.M. Godfellow

Dec 27th 1861

Yours of the 25th inst. came duly to hand & contents carefully noted. I think that all or nearly so, have homes & fuel but many of them are without food. The County Commissioners reside so far from the County Seat that I have assumed the responsibility to say to you that I will receive the provisions & medicines, & place them in the hands of an agent immediately under my control & who is a trustworthy gentleman, I suppose the expenses will be paid by the Government, because it will require a good deal my time, to attend to this matter. I will be also responsible for the distribution of the provisions. You will instruct me how they are to be distributed.

274. C. C. C. To
Major Godfellow

Montgomery Dec 29th
(By Telegraph)
(By Telegraph)

Application has been made to Genl Thomas to retain you. (Laura L. C. C.)
Genl Thomas telegraphs that your Regt will soon be mustered out. The Genl wishes you to be mustered out & remain as a civilian, agent in employ of Bureau.

275. J. L. Comen. Athens Ala
To T.M. Godfellow

Dec 29th 1861
(By Telegraph)

Office Supt. B. R. F. A. Sab. Dist. Nantawill
Am I the only magistrate in the County authorized to act or am I the agent of the Bureau holding just as Genl Lane did. Father is the Doctor. I the magistrate. Father is too old & could not accept, please answer quick

276. Sgt Major Geo H Spraggins
To R. S. Spraggins

Montgomery Ala Nov 25th 1861

Office Capt. Com. Ala. Bureau. A. F. A. L.
Special order No 38. The property of Robt S Spraggins now in charge of Capt. J. M. Godfellow Supt of this Bureau at Nantawill will be returned to him by that officer in view of this order and presentation with it of the warrant of arrest from the President of the U.S. to said Spraggins, the same being in his application alleged to exist but not presented at this office.

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No. Name of soldier. Of all

277. I. Johnson. Col Camp Fort. Huachuca
to J. M. Goodfellow. Dec 30th 1881.

Subject.

Having been ordered to report to the "Sunt Gunt" for the information of Congress all outrages committed since the surrender by Whites upon blacks and vice versa, I must request you, as this is more in your line than mine, to be so kind as to furnish me all items you may have. I desire to get up as good a "New and Colored" as possible especially of the real qualities of the Whites, which you will know predominates. I have quite a number of cases to report which have come to my personal knowledge, but desiring, if possible, to counteract the "Sunt Gunt's" report of his South Eastern tour of touring in a terrible list of outrages, which have really occurred, I am very anxious to obtain everything. Please comply with my request as soon as possible and great oblige.

Yr most obt. serv.

278. R. B. Archibald to
Capt Goodfellow. Dec 29th 1881.

Head Quarters, Huachuca
I learn from Capt Williamson of my report (42 U.S.C.) that you contemplate getting officers detailed to take charge of farms for the support of old colored people and children. If such is the case I must respectfully recommend to your favorable consideration, Simeon P. P. Livermore, 52nd U.S.C. He is a man of good, steady habits, is intelligent, and a man of sterling qualities. He has had much experience in overseeing workmen, which, with his practical knowledge of farming, and his tendency for it, under him particularly well fitted for the labors above mentioned. Yr obt. serv.

Name of writer.

Date.

279. C. A. Sage, apt. Florence Ala
To Major GoodfellowDec 28th 1851.

Subject.

The following named negro persons are such as have reported to me as being in a suffering condition, and in need of immediate aid.

Fannie Cray, aged 88 years. Betty Marks, afflicted.

Willis Marks, very aged & blind. Milly Weebly and her children. Mary Blanks, quite aged.

The above named live here in the village. There are many others in the vicinity, who are in need, but have not yet reported themselves. Will you please advise me, at the earliest date, what to do, give me directions in full. Something should be done for these suffering people without delay.

I have not been able to receive any pecuniary for you yet - will as soon as possible.

280. A. W. Collins, Tusculum Ala
To Major GoodfellowDec 26th 1851.

I write you this for a little information, in relation to the Freedmen's Bureau, and in the first place, has Mr. a right to make charges for appearing contracts? and in the second place, has he a right to charge one man one dollar for each contract and another two dollars? please write me at the earliest opportunity.

A. W. Collins, M. D.

281. John E. Cleland, a. a. g. m.
To Capt. GoodfellowJanuary 1st 1852.

Head Quarters, Dist. St. Louis
Complaints of the ill treatment of negro citizens and Freedmen at and near Tusculum are becoming numerous, and the Gov. Comtee desires that if you think it advisable to send a detachment of troops to that place that you a communication to that effect to the War Dept -

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No. Name of miller

Date:

Subject:

182. V. M. Beaumont, P. Judge
Lauderdale
County Ala.
to J. M. Goodfellow.

Decr 28th 1885.

Your communication directed to myself, and county commissioners, of 25th, is read & read, & appreciated so far as my knowledge is concerned. There is no indigent, white or black in the county, suffering for house room or food, but there is much need of food & clothing by both races. Our county commissioners live in extreme parts of the county, & I have no way of calling them together at this time. They have a court for the general business of the kind, on the 2nd Monday in May next in the mean time, if the Govt should furnish me with supplies of any kind for supper, I would distribute the same impartially to the proper subjects, to the best of my knowledge.

183. Col C. C. Cade, Major
Montgomery Ala

Decr 27th 1885.

Office apt Comr. State Ala. J. R. Fox & L
Your communications of 15th, 16th, 19th & 20th were all read on yesterday. Until arrangements are made by which the S. M. Dept will issue fuel, you will have to purchase it, making an estimate of the funds necessary. Limit the quantity used as much as you can.

A large invoice of clothing & blankets are at hand daily; as soon as they arrive a shipment will be made to you. If a requisition was made on the S. M. at Huntsville it would have to be approved by the Commissioner at Washington which would take a longer time than to obtain the goods now on the way. The blanks for abandoned lands will be furnished at once. The General will be with you in a few days and will advise with you on the plantation matter. P. S. In the matter of the laws passed by the Legislature, Circular No 3. which was forwarded to you, on the 16th inst, nullifies them.

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Name of Writer. Date.

254. C. C. Whitney. To
Lt. Mialer. Dec 1st 1855.

255. The S. L. Lumbard to
A. J. M. Goodfellow Dec 27th 1855.
(Cincinnati Ohio)

256. John H. King. Lt. Mialer
To. Chap. Goodfellow. Hamilton Dec 20/55

257. Bot Major Genl W. M. Mearns
To J. M. Goodfellow. Official Com State Ala
Birmingham R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala Dec 25/55

Subject.

(By Telegraph)

Very soon will transportation for the 3 families
be sent here. I have answer by telegraph C. C. Whitney.

Received, Thomas Davis of Cabinet for Relief of Freedmen
Respectfully Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, & Iowa Yearly Meetings.
I have made application for transportation for fifteen
boxes clothing for freedmen which will be forwarded as
soon as the order is recd. & hope to get them off the
last of this week. Our supply of clothing on hand
is very limited at present and we are the same way.
We hope this shipment may prove of some service though
- for from your letter to Dr. Hill, we see the great need.
Some of these boxes contain second-hand military
clothing - two of them overcoats, overcoats have been
used in many places for making under and other
garments for children & women -

The General desires to call ^{your} attention to the family
of the Stelly, destitute Union Refugees, and requests
that you render them such aid as is in your power.

I enclose you herewith copies of Genl Sherman's Circulars No 19. & Genl
Sherman's circular No 4. I shall request Genl Sherman to order from
Hatchville on the 1st Jan a supply of rations sufficient to make in your
district an issue of (5000) Five thousand rations daily. I wish you to
ascertain at once, the number of destitute persons in your district
& to set on foot such measures as will insure the proper distribution
of these rations when they arrive. I shall endeavor to be in your place in a
few days. Please see that the food is used with strict regard to the requirements
of humanity alone. Talk with your fellow about this.

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No. Name of writer Date.

288. Majr Genl Thomas To Chap Goodfellow
Tashville Tenn Jan'y 3rd 1866.

289. A. W. Col Fort. To S. M. Goodfellow.
Huntsville Ala Jan'y 3/66.

290 C. O. Whitney. To S. M. Goodfellow.
Scoltboro Jan'y 2nd 1866

291. C. O. Whitney Scoltboro Ala To S. M. Goodfellow
January (3rd Supp.) 1866.

Subject.

(By Telegraph)

You are authorized to remain on duty as sub. apt commissary. Freedman's Bureau until you are not understood out of service. Acknowledge recd of this & report this decision to Det Majr Genl Smayne at Montgomery Ala. By order of Majr Genl Thomas

Robt H Ramsey. Col & agt

On the first day of November 1865. I filed with you an application for the restoration of my property under the control of your Bureau, based upon a special pardon from the President of the United States, a certified copy of said Warrant of amnesty accompanying said application filed in your office, as yet no order has been received by me restoring said property. Will you call the attention of the proper department to the above fact, with the request that they will at their earliest convenience forward the proper order.

(By Telegraph) Please send by first Train Transportation for Mrs Centur & 4 children to Richard Tenn. Mrs Percebe & 6 children to Luka Miss. Mrs Wilson & 3 children to Springfield Ills. Will give estimate of rations & names again this evening or in a.m.

(By Telegraph) I think Mr F J Mitchell of this place is right man. for Agency agency he will send about same quantity of rations I drew last month. How about the Transportation. will it be sent soon. Very Respectfully to

No. 1. Name of writer. Date.

292 Charles Pearce To
J. M. Goddard.

January 3rd 1855.

293. Wilmer Walter, agt Stevenson
to J. M. Goddard.

January 3rd 1855

294. Wilmer Walter To
J. M. Goddard

Stevenson Ala
January 4/55

Subject.

Military Prison. Huntsville Ala
I was arrested at Courtland Ala, last Thursday
morning and sent to this place and I suppose I am
charged with fighting. I don't know whether I am to
be tried or not. If I am to be tried please send me a
list of the charges against me that I may make
preparation for my trial. I have been in the U.S. a
three years & three months and have an honorable discharge
with me, and I am anxiously looking for the day, when
I can go home. Please look into my case and give
me some information and some assistance, if you can do
so. I think it hard after three years hard service
to be arrested by citizens & kept in prison.

With the hope of soon hearing from you, close & remain
Yours &c

Charles Pearce, Co D. 1st Regt.

I hereby certify that there are now in and around
Stevenson, at least 40 adults and 60 children -
100 persons, white & colored, in a destitute condition
from various causes, who are needing & deserving daily
rations: and I hereby request the commissary Dept to
furnish the same for me to distribute. There is also
a cooking stove and pipe needed for the Smallpox
Hospital here.

Please ~~send~~ suspend action in the Long
case - ans.

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Mr. James

Gall.

29th. J. O. Sullivan and
the fugitives

(Pa of 125 paid)

Dear Sir 31st 1855.

Sullivan, See
Contract Book No 13229th. Det Major Genl W. S. Swayne
to Chap. J. M. GoddardMontgomery, Ala
January 1st 1855.

(Contract.

J. O. Sullivan of Lincoln County. Tenn has hired
the following free laborers, & agrees to furnish them
quarters, fuel and good rations, and the amounts
& conditions set opposite their names, below. Said laborers
to be paid in full before the final disposal of the
crops to be raised on the plantation of the
said Sullivan in the plantation in Lincoln County,
Tennessee.

1. Darius Martin & Family - \$125. per year work
of himself & family
 2. Charles Kirkpatrick & Family - \$300. per year
work of himself and family.
 3. Abram Grater and Family - \$175. per year
work of himself & family
 4. Randall Lariatow. \$200. per year work
of himself and family -
- Contract for the year 1855.

(Signed by all the parties in duplicate.

Official Cert. State of Ala

Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Special order

Settled The property of Jas C. White, L. St
Sunggs and John Clay Robinson at Mountville Ala
consisting of a Store House and Lot of land lying
near the South East corner of the Public Square in that
city, now in the possession of Captain J. M. Goddard
Capt R. F. S. L. will be delivered to them on the presentation
of this order. The rents accruing up to this date
will be paid to Mr Goddard

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No. Name of owner Date.

Subject.

296. Wilmer Wacha. Stannumala
To J. M. Goodfellow.

January 4th 1855.

Col Prince Sam Sam Commanding at Bridgeport early in the year 1854. approved an application of Mr Crull to take possession of a mill on some abandoned lands, in this County, of Mr Hardin Leary. Under this order Mr Crull took possession of and tilled some lands adjoining the mill and was sustained in possession of the lands by the Provost Marshall at this place in December. The lands of Mr Leary have now been in possession of the Freedmen's Bureau, so I have been informed by Mr Whitney late Sup^t of this County for Freedmen's Bureau & presume Col Prince Sam Sam's order no longer in force. Mr Crull still however refuses to give possession and Mr Whitney advises me as the agent of Mr Leary to write to you to give Mr Leary possession. You will please make the necessary order for the lands to be returned up to Mr Leary at your earliest convenience and address me at this point. Mr Leary has taken the oath of amnesty & is not excepted in the President's proclamation of amnesty and pardon issued in May last. Very Respectfully

Will please give attention to within application, soon as convenient -
W. W.

297. Mr. C. Garrison agt
Blount Co. Ala
To J. M. Goodfellow.

Also arrived. Says - Will I have to have the number of soldiers in the county & make a return before I can receive supplies, if so send me a form of return, or send supplies at once. Can persons who are able to work, but have no employment or money, draw rations? Send a form of a monthly report, & all orders. Wishes a company of soldiers sent to Blount County. Will any but destitute Refugees & Freedmen draw?

No. Name of writer Date

298. Art Major Genl W. S. Mague
Montgomery Ala
To J. M. Goodfellow January 3rd 1855.

Subject.

Office Capt Genl. State of Ala
Bureau R. F. & S. L.

This letter will be handed you by Mr. Crickshaw, a gentleman who has been appointed by the Govt a first in caring for the destitute people of this State. I have thought it best that Mr. C. should look at the condition of the poor in North Alabama first, and have requested him to call on you and cooperate with you in this matter. I have sent to Genl. Thomas a duplicate of my application for an increase of pay at Huntsville, and if there is delay in their arrival Mr. Crickshaw will visit Nashville for the purpose of expediting their being forwarded.

299 This Letter To
Rev J. M. Goodfellow Cincinnati Dec 30th 55

Receives from the Board of Control for relief of prisoners
Representing Ohio, Indiana, Westm & Pennsylvania.

Herewith find Statement of contents of fifteen boxes, this day sent to you. Hoping they may speedily reach you and do much good service.

300. A. S. Nelson. Capt 42nd
U.S.A. to J. M. Goodfellow January 9th 1855

Office Capt R. F. & S. L. Huntsville Ala

At the last night last week I sent a messenger to you with dispatches, which it seems he did not deliver properly. If they have come to hand please answer by this messenger, or inform me that you not recd them, so that I can hunt them up. I now have to draw supplies from Bridgeport and should like authority to issue transportation for that purpose.

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Name of Mtr

Date

Subject

301. E. J. Shackelford to
J. M. Goodfellow.

January 3rd 1855.

Office Freedman's Bureau, Portland, Me.
Enclosed you will find report of rations distributed to
Freedman & Refugees of this County. I have no
blank forms for making requisitions for further supplies
of provisions and need them ask for (10) say ten barrels
of Pork and (25) say 25 boxes Bread. There still some
bread on hand. From the last information recd.
some 100 persons, mostly Females & Children, that will
need clothing to prevent suffering. There will be
more & applications for rations this month, than last
month.

Report of Rations issued for December 1st 1855.

Remarks.

Freedman	Refugees	Rations
Men	Women	Children

A great many of these persons are &
helpless from bodily infirmity, blind 13. 41. 38. 5. 18 50 32 50
up to, others old without
means of support.
Bread & meat are found
to be totally worthless.
I have since been to learn W. J. Gilman, J. P. for Lewiston, Me. also

312. W. J. Clarke to
Capt B. R. F. S. S. I. Sub Dist
North at W. Huntville

Portland, Me. Jan 3rd 1855

Some time about the 20th to 25th of Nov 1855. Capt J. M. Goodfellow
Capt of Freedman's Bureau for North at W. with him from delivery to me
four bales of cotton & four hundred bushels cotton seed,
which I had been ordered from Capt A. S. Burr, Quartermaster
of Freedman's Bureau who sold to me under orders from
Genl Pick apt Comr for Ky & Tenn under whose ju-
isdiction the Sub Dist of North at W. was formerly remaining.
I have understood from Goodfellow & his subaltern officers, that
they had referred the matter to Genl Snayne, apt Comr for at W. who
in his turn had referred the matter to Genl Hemmell Comr for W. at Washington.
I have the honor very respectfully to ask information if any more have

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No. Name of writer.

Date.

202 W. J. Clark

Subject.

been sent for the restoration of the cotton and sold to me as the legal purchaser and owner and placing the rest of cotton in the care, to ask that the cotton be placed safely in store and held subject to the decision of the authorities at Washington and that being obtained (as it must be in my favor) to be held subject to my own order.

203.. O. 39766. This cannot be transferred

Corinth Miss Jan'y 7th 1866.
Transport Louis Tolliver and five persons -
Destitute Freedmen. from Corinth Miss to Mountville
at a rate from ... to ...
Signature of officer issuing order. By order of the Quarter Master Genl.
Will H. Burdick
1st Lieut 108th U.S.C. & A. G. M. S. Lewis B. Parsons.
(By Genl. Schief of Rail & River Transportation)
The holder of this order, or the officer in charge of troops, is required to fill the receipt below before signing, stating the exact number of men transported and the place from and to which transportation has been furnished.

Corinth Miss Jan'y 7th 1866.
I certify on honor, that the M & C R. R. has furnished
Transportation for myself and five persons.
From Corinth Miss to Mountville Ala
in compliance with the above order.
Witness.
W. H. B. Lewis B. Parsons
mark

(on the back of the above)
Certified copy of order, or contract, in which the within transportation is given.
Office of A. A. & M. S.
The within transportation furnished at Military Rates - 25¢ per mile.
Will H. Burdick A
1st Lt 108th U.S.C. & A. G. M. S.
I certify, on honor, that upon my own knowledge transportation was furnished for ...

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No. Name of writer.

Date.

Subject.

304. Wilmer Wacker to
J. M. Goodfellow,

Thurston Ala Jan 8/65

I have just time to say to thee that in compliance with the implied wishes of Mr Wm F. Mitchell. (Supt of Schools for the Penna association, under which I am serving as teacher) I herewith tender to thee, my resignation as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in this place.
Very Respectfully &c

305. Wilmer Wacker to
J. M. Goodfellow,

Northville Tenn. Jan 3/66

Thy ~~first~~ favor of the 4th instant came to hand last evening. The Long case is as follows, Mr Long is said to be guilty of murder a serious man, & abandoned his property. His Lawyer (Mr Jones) is trying to reclaim it & drive the present occupants off. We think here, that the land (about 100 acres) should be abandoned for the benefit of poor ~~some~~ Freedmen. The ration order ~~also~~ came to hand last evening. I shall cheer for it, and I will endeavor to distribute the rations as judiciously as possible. Respectfully &c

P.S. The lawyer of the present occupant of the Long farm will collect the evidence in the case as soon as possible, & send it to thee. In regard to Telegraphing the occupant of the land paid the cost of my despatch to thee, or I should not have sent it. Please describe what really constitutes abandoned land? The Freedmen need some.

W.W.

306. A. S. Wilbur. Capt 42. U.S.S. I.
apt Sept 13th 1864
to J. M. Goodfellow

Thurston Ala Jan 3/66

(Copied previously see No 300.)

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No. Name of writer

Date

307. M. A. Crickthorn, ^{from State also.} ~~with~~ to Nashville Tenn.
J. M. Grosfellow January 8th 1865.

Subject

I reached this place this morning at 8 o'clock. Had an interview with Genl Thomas and also with his adjt Genl. The result is the following order from Capt. J. W. Bond Com. at this place.

"Offical Chief Co Mil. Div. Tenn.

Nashville Tenn. Jan'y 8th 1865.

Capt J. W. Bond C. S. at Huntsville will issue to units on Ration Returns signed by proper officers of the Freedman Bureau. The ration allowed is specified in Circular No 8 War Department Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c. (Signed)

J. C. Read

Per 221."

Will this order be sufficient for our purpose? Genl Bond says that Capt Bond has an abundance of supplies at Huntsville &c. Write it telegraph me! and I will remain until last of the week to hear from you. I do not think the order of ~~the~~ the adjt Genl came fully up to the understanding of Genl Thomas. If I read that correctly it was to direct the Com to turn over to me the supplies in pursuance of an order specified, though I do not remember the number of the order, or the exact language of the memorandum. I will not leave here for Huntsville before Saturday or Sunday morning, which will give me time to hear from you. In the mean time I will try and look around for a house to occupy North also on.

No. Names of writer. Date.
 308. Col. Majr. Chas W. Snayne
 Montgomery Ala
 To J. M. Goodfellow.

309. Col. Majr. Chas Wager Snayne
 Montgomery Ala
 To J. M. Goodfellow.

Subject.

Office 1st Comr. State of Ala. P.R.F. & L

Special orders

No 4. 3

Col. Col. John D. Callis, 7th U. S. C. having
 in compliance with orders from Majr. Chas. C. D. Howard, Com-
 missioner, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c reported at this office
 is hereby assigned to duty as Superintendent of Refugees,
 Freedmen and Abandoned Lands in the District of
 Huntville Alabama, receiving Chaplain J. M. Goodfellow
 101st U. S. C. I. He will proceed at once to the station
 assigned him. The Dept will furnish transportation for
 self and authorized number of servants.

By order of
 Col. Majr. Chas Wager Snayne
 C. Callis for a. a. gnd

Office 1st Comr. State of Ala. P.R.F. & L

Special orders

No 4. 3

The 101st U. S. C. Troops, having been ordered
 to be mustered out, Chaplain J. M. Goodfellow, of that Regt,
 Supt of Freedmen &c at Huntville Ala, is hereby relieved
 from duty in this Bureau.

By order of

Col. Majr. Chas Wager Snayne
 C. Callis for a. a. gnd

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No.

James.

Date.

Subject.

310. Mrs M. E. Dalton. To
Majr Goodfellow.

Chattanooga Ala
Decr 31. 1865.

311. J. L. Coman agt To
T. M. Goodfellow

Chattanooga Ala
January 30 1866

as you have taken possession of my house in Huntsville for the use of my gun. I have turned out the former occupants of the same, who up to that time have been paying some rent, and as I am now in great need of money, I hope you can contribute with your duty as an officer of the U. S. Govt advance me something for the use of my property, as that was and is my only reliance for money to defray my necessary household expenses. and that as many of the former occupants of my premises left (when turned out as I am informed by your order) in arrears for rent, I hope that under the circumstances you will aid me in collecting it.

Since receiving the appointment from you, I have been busy in the discharge of my high & responsible duties. If I had been consulted, I should have ~~declined~~ declined the appointment, and would still like very much to do so. I have been governed by orders from Genl F & Mayne and your correspondence with former agents at this place. I differ from many here, who say they know I am nothing by the appointment from you. They say that the Bureau is done away with in this State and that Magistrates must just administer claims according to the laws of Alabama opening his court to all alike. Magistrate courts are held in this State every three months & the first term is return term. Second is trial term. So without any delay I take six months more to bring a case to trial without any delay. If I am just acting as Magistrate. The approval of a contract is purely extra-judicial & hence no proof in court. As I understand it I am to act under the appointment from you and to be governed by the laws of Ala, so far as they do not conflict with the Bureau. Are contracts made in presence of two witnesses & without the approval of myself or a magistrate. What of the laws proposed by the general assembly of Ala. There are some instances of old ~~persons~~ persons & minors, that are deserving of aid from the Govt. If the laws of the State make a distinction on account of color, where do I get my authority to set them aside, unless the Bureau is still in existence, especially when I am a commissioned officer.

311. J. L. Common from
not page.

~~311.~~ J. D. Thornton To
312. E. M. Goodfellow.

Tusculum Ala
January 1st 1866.

Subject.

of the State. and now to support the laws. I can answer all
these questions satisfactorily to myself if I am in a spot of the
duration and I would like for you to write to me fully
on the subject. I would rather you would come and see me.
Has the Blackman the same right to the custody of his
minor child as the White man. who are legitimate.

You know if the 29th has been handed me by Mayor Peck.
In reply there is no foundation for the report made to you
in relation to distinctions made by our ordinances against
freedmen. When slavery existed, there was necessarily a
difference, now there is none. We fully accept & appre-
ciate the change of affairs. I am appointed one of the
Committee to make out our new ordinances and when com-
pleted will furnish you a copy that you may see for yourself.

We desire to keep good order & quiet in our City & shall enforce
the laws, upon all offenders without regard to color. In
State cases arising in our cooperation, we shall desire for
N. Green Esqr. your apt care to act on them, instead of
our Mayor. Perhaps the article which has appeared to
you alludes to a State law about selling spirituous liquors
to free persons of color. Passed previous to the freeing
of the Slaves. We desire to do our whole duty in good faith
and impartially -

Yours &c

J. D. Thornton City
of the Mayor & Board Aldermen

I am satisfied that the above statement, is correct

J. H. Green. apt

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1. Name of writer. Date.

313. Wm. S. Peck, Mayor To Tusculum Ala
J. M. Good, clerk. Dec 3rd 1861.

Subject.

I recd yours of the 29th inst. by this morning's mail, enquiring into matters whereby a distinction is reported, has been shown between the white man & the colored, & as reported that we have enacted By-Laws & ordinances that will or may show a marked difference between the same. I am surprised that any such reports have been made, as in my official capacity I have earnestly tried to make no difference, & in all our Councils we have tried to enforce upon the minds of the public, sympathy & good will towards them. I think all reports must be unfounded, & we accept & appreciate fully the condition of affairs. So far we have had no trouble, & our ~~Christmas~~ Christmas has passed off without trouble or complaint in our midst.

The Freedmen have had, their parties & Balls & in many cases I have been present in person, to prevent any trouble from drunken persons. The City police has been lenient alike to all, & never as yet have we under the necessity of arresting any persons either white or black. I will trouble you with a portion of my remarks to the public on assuming the duties of my office, as published in the City paper viz. It will be my duty as well as my pleasure, to aid our efficient agent for the County, of the Freedmen's Bureau, Esq. John A. Green, in protecting the Freedmen of our City from oppression, & to encourage them & to encourage them to pursue habits of industry, sobriety & prompt obedience to law, they have as one of the results of the war, been thrown upon the world without resources or friends, unless we their former masters extend them the hand of friendship.

It is not only our duty to act as friends towards them, but it is to our interests, for by so doing we make them industrious & self supporting, & thereby remove the necessity

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No.

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Date

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Subject

of our Supporting them as paupers or criminals. I know the Citizens of this country to be kindly disposed towards them & whenever their legal rights are interfered with, the offender shall be punished & whenever they violate law, they shall not surely go unpunished.

I, in my official capacity must solicit an investigation into this matter. During the Christmas just past I suggested that caution should be exercised in the sale of intoxicating liquors, to Vagrants both White & Black, yet we have no ordinance or By-laws to that effect & none other that makes any distinction between the White & Black. We have our new Charter just granted by the Legislature, & as soon as we can measure - adopt our ordinance & By-laws, I will remit you copies of the same. In conclusion may I say, you may rest assured we act in Conscience - how with your agent & the rights & privileges of the Freedmen will be protected.

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J. D. Tanner

To

January 8th 1866

Freedman's Bureau

(Newville Ala)

According to instructions I make the following report in reference to the Destitute & Indigent persons of the Madison Station District viz 17 Women & Children that I find Destitute, & if you will send the provisions to this point, I will attend to the distribution of the same.

Yours &c

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No. Name of minor Date.

315. J. W. Moore, Prob Judge
 Stuart County Ala
 To J. M. Groves

January 18 1866

Subject.

Stantwich Plant Co Ala
 Your communication dated Dec 10/65 on the subject of supplies for the indigent people of this County has been read & duly considered. You propose to the Court of County Commissioners of this County, "that if we will take charge of the poor both white & colored people, & furnish them in houses & fuel, you will furnish them rations and Medicines until such time as they can be taken care of without such assistance."

On behalf of the Commissioners Court of this County, I hasten to inform you that your proposition is very cordially accepted, in as far as the poor who have not houses & fuel, will be forthwith supplied on being informed of the institution, & every effort will be made by us to prevent or relieve suffering among the poor & destitute of the County.

We would respectfully suggest that if provisions & medicines are forwarded to J. W. Moore at this place, they will be taken charge of, and properly distributed.

And we would also suggest that there are many very pressing cases of destitution now existing in this County, suffering already exists, and will increase unless relief is sent speedily. A few more boxes of provisions sent to this place now would be very desirable indeed.

Your kind letter has just been received, and happily the Court is now in session. We cheerfully accept your proposition, we will, "take charge of the poor both white & colored & provide houses and fuel" provisions & medicines being at this time the great consideration we think "Indigent" the most suitable point for the present to deposit what may be sent to us in the way of rations & medicines. Please give us such information as you may think proper for.

316. C. Womble, Prob Judge
 Franklin Co Ala
 To J. M. Groves

Frankfort Ala
 January 2nd 1866.

No. Name of minor Date

317. Col. Maj. Genl. W. S. Mayne
1st Com. Co
St. John's Island.

Officiating Comr. St. John's Island
Bureau R. I. S. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug. 8, '60

318. C. B. Chubbard, Jr. atty at
law
St. John's Island

January 11th 1860

319. H. S. Clay, Jr.
J. M. Goodfellow

St. John's
January 13th 1860.

320. C. W. Wood, Sr. & A. C. S.
Bridgport Ala
St. J. M. Goodfellow

January 12th 1860.

Subject

Special Comm.

No. 1. 1st Lt. John W. D. C. is hereby
assigned to duty in the District of Columbia and will
report to the Prov. Marshal at that place.

2. M. E. will furnish transportation in suit
and necessary amounts.

Yours of 1st May. The Major Mayne
Clerk for a full

Officiating Comr. Bureau. Havana Ala
If this Office is entitled to any stationery I would
most respectfully request you please to send me such
amount as you see proper consisting of paper, Pens,
(Go to pens paper) Ink & Ink stands Envelopes,
Rulers, &c. also a box of scales to weigh ration.

Very Respectfully

(See endorsement in Book E. L. 32.)

H. S. Clay applies for restoration of lot claimed as
the property of C. C. Clay for: for one half of the note
heretofore paid the Freedmen's Bureau.

Please find enclosed "abstracts" of cases to Freedmen & Refugees
during the month of Decr 1859. Owing to the shortness of time
I was not able to forward them sooner. My returns for this month, have
been issued on in full, and I could issue as many more if I
had them. These mountains seem to be full of the poorest kind
of whites, & a great many widows & children. Some of them come for miles,
since it has got out that they can get something to eat here.
From their stories, I am satisfied there has already been a great
deal of suffering among them. They need clothing as well as food.
I shall issue to them I think most needy & sick getting another return
before the close of the month.

Very Respectfully

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No.	Name of man.	Date.	Subject.
321.	Anthony C. Stecher to Col. Cullis.	Huntsville Ala January 18 th 1866.	<p>States that he was provided Transportation in Chattanooga by Rev Col Lucas for his freedom from that place to Memphis Tenn - which he gave to said Anthony C Stecher - for 150 M^o. Gail Gilliam appealing to the action of said Col Lucas. He arrived at Stevenson. then of said Freedom was left, sick with small pox -</p> <p>These men are mostly discharged Soldiers of the 138th U. S. C. The Men, Women & children are in a debilitated condition - are on the way to Arkansas.</p>
322.	C. M. Hartmann. To Mr Mc Canby	Sta Hs. U. S. Forces Stevenson Ala January 13 th 1866	<p>You will not take any action, in Mr Anderson's claim for rent of the house, built & now occupied by colored persons on the lines in the rear of the town, until authority is given to that effect from the Quartermaster -</p>
323.	The R. Williams. Probate Judge of Morgan Co Ala	Stevenson, Jan 10 th 1866.	<p>Reports having eight families of debilitated persons, numbering two hundred & thirty eight members - No funds over two m^ogans for rations, to be distributed to the debilitated of Morgan County, and asks instructions as his future proceedings</p>

No. Jones.

Date

324. S. W. H. Patterson, Esq.
Chap. SecretaryOffice American Bazaar
Director Morgan Co. St.
January 14th 1860.

Subject

I have the honor to report that on Wed. Nov 27th 1859.
 2 Cases Bacon 575 lb.
 Hard Bread 1800 "
 Herring 217 "
 Sugar 06 "
 Cocoa 28 "
 Soap none "
 Sack 46 "

I spend no rations in Nov, but consumed at Fort Erie, &
 have spent during that month to Tea and rum, 20
 Colored children, & one old colored man, also 27 White
 women, 20 White children & one White man, all distribute,
 in all 99 persons regularly but not full rations, have
 tried to make the most of what I had. I had also
 occasionally calls from people in distress who were
 transient to whom, I have issued rations. I have also
 used several donations from Citizens with a request to
 distribute to the poor, which has helped to keep up my
 supply. On the 1st Jan I had on hand 8 boxes Hard Bread
 & 8000 Bacon & a few pounds Salt. No sugar - no herring -
 no herring - My supplies are exhausted, with the exception
 of a little Hard Bread. I should have issued more
 liberally, but my stock would not justify it. I reported
 the substance of this on or about the 1st inst.

325. Col J. Johnson. To
Col. DavisTo the Dist. Headquarters at
January 14th 1860.

Special orders. All commissioned officers & enlisted men of the
 No 9 3rd 18th - 42nd and 110th U. S. C. Infantry on detached
 service within his district are hereby relieved from such
 duty and will report at once to their respective regiments
 for muster out.

By order of Col J. Johnson
 John W. King. Lt & a. a. D.C.

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Mr James.

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25. Cal & Johnson to
Col Lewis.

Adm. Post Receipts as
January 18th 1868.

Special inv.

No 4. 3 The following named enlisted men of the
44th U. S. C. I. are hereby relieved from duty at the post, &
will at once report for duty to the commanding officer
44th U. S. C. I. Regt.

Sergeant E. Tansbury. V. Co.
Corporal Peter Sawyers B. Co

Young (ice & slush)

St. Hampton, N. H. Aug 21

Copy furnished O'Brien, Capt. Freeman's Guard, who will
 please direct the man named in the above order to report
 at once to the C. O. ~~44th C. O.~~ C. O. 44th U. S. C. S.
 West Staunton is on duty at Freeman's Guard

Shan forward by Adams Co's. S. all money due me
on a/c of cotton sold by Gottschall - to Thomas
also answer.

327. W. J. Clark To
Lt W Brown

May 19th 1866.
from Gustavus

228. John James Mayr & Mt. St.
agr. Penna R. F. & L.
to Geo. J. B. Collins.

Officiant R. R. S. A. L.
 Curdland ala
 January 17th 1866.

I have to request to be furnished with (12) Indian day ration
for 16 patients in temporary post hospital, and such a supply of
medical stores as your Surgeons would suggest for the above
number of small-pox cases. I am entirely out of rations;
in consequence of which, I am sorry to say a number of entitled
Indians children are in a terrible state of suffering.

Mr. Chas. J. Ford returned this evening, & I have resumed
my duties; I will take an official trip through the
mountains next week, and will notify the Planters before
hand. I saw a box of clothing has come to hand, but
not the goods.

My Affectionately Son

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Letters.

Date.

Subject.

229 John M. Cawley. apt
C.R. F. & A. L.
To Col S. H. Parris.
Stonington Ala
January 19th 1888.

There is at this place a family of Destitute Freedmen
having been run off from their home in Missi during slavery.
Can you furnish them transportation to Newbern Station,
Mobile & Ohio R.R. Missi? Their names are Patrick
Olin, John Olin, Delana Olin & five small children.

With respect &c

(See No 230. book 1.5.)

330. Col J. Johnston. Capt Post
To Col S. H. Parris
January 20th 1888.

Lead Leavenworth District Huntsville
Huntsville Ala

Special order.

Extract.

No 12. 25. Capt Walter Elliott 44. 10. 1. 1.
is detailed as Agent of C. R. F. & A. L. for Marshall
County. He will report in person for instructions to
Col John H. Parris, Capt C. R. F. & A. L. Sub Dist of
Huntsville. This order will not be continued as relieving
Capt Elliott from duty with his company.

By order of Col J. Johnston.

John H. King. It's a C. C.

331. Col J. Johnston. Capt Post (H. D. P. Post Huntsville Ala
To Col S. H. Parris.
January 20th 1888.

Special order.

No 13. 26. Sgt Edward Kennedy, "B" Co
44. U. S. C. Inf. is hereby relieved from attached duty
in the Freedmen's farm, and will at once report for
duty with his company.

By order of Col Johnston

Hampden It's a C. C. and

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No.	Name.	Date.	Subject.
332	A. S. Townsend. to Sgt. Friedman's Bureau	Deatur Junction January 20 th 1868	(By Telegraph) Some heartless wretch left a Freedman at this point reported to have the small pox. There are no quarters here for him & it is endangering the community at large. answer at once what is to be done with him.
333.	A. S. Townsend to Sgt. Friedman's Bureau	Deatur Junction January 22 nd 1868	(By Telegraph) <u>said</u> A) There is here a Freedman, got out of gaug going South supposed to have the small pox. He is in the woods. I have reported to agent at Athens & Deatur & get no satisfaction. How you see that something is done with him. please answer immediately.
334.	L. C. Conner. to Col. S. D. Callis.	Reliefed Ala January 19 th 1868	I recd a letter today stating that you would furnish me as Probate Judge of Jackson County Ala 420 rations daily. Sir. it would greatly facilitate the matter, if you would send me, Ten days rations at a time, so that it need not inconvenience the farmers at a distance. Mrs. Jas A. Porter, is my authorized agent. You can ship the supplies to him at <u>Reliefed</u> , Jackson Co Ala. I will only issue the rations to those who are not able to work for their living. We have many who are entirely destitute, both white and colored. Please inform me when you send provisions?

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No. Name.

Date

Subject

334. W. F. May. Probate Judge
Marshall Co Ala
To Major G. G. Galloway.

January 8th 1880.

I rec^d yours of the 2nd inst. on 4th inst. & called the
Commissioners on the 6th inst. We accept the offer of
provisions & Med^{ic} for the destitute of our County, we do not
know the amt to be furnished, but think there are some
100. Colored and about 100. Thousand Whites who are
destitute in our County. We will receive whatever
amount you may be pleased to furnish, and your
instructions will be obeyed.

(See the following)

Very Truly &c

335. Alvin S. Miller. Esq
To M. G. Galloway

January 8th 1880
Guntersville Ala

— Office Sept 1st 1879. S. L.
I was yesterday requested to forward the enclosed enclosed
document & show the letter to which it is a reply.

I think after the promise you have had me to
make to the people here, you should at least have
notified me that you did not intend to fill my requisition
that has been in your office since the 1st or 6th of last month.

Judge May desires that I draw the rations and transfer
them to this point, as I can more readily obtain
transportation. I have made all necessary arrangements
& only only await your order authorizing it.

Respectfully &c

336. Alvin S. Miller. Esq B. R. F. S. L. L.
Guntersville Ala

January 20th 1880

Call attention to several unanswered common carriers.
The Probate Judge agrees to assume the duty of distributing
rations when sent at the request of the Supt but desires me to get
them here. Outrages are committed in De Kalb Co
He commends the appointment of J. Edwards, as a
suitable agent at Duck Springs, for that County.
Miller's stock of stationery is short. Would any
fresh instructions, if new ones, are issued.

(Synopsis)

(See Nos 334 & 335 above)

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No. Name.

Date.

Subject.

337. Col Major Genl W. Swayne
By Col C. C. Ball Jr. A. A. Genl

January 17th 1866.

Office Asst Com. S. C. S. S. L. Montgomery Ala
Special orders.

No 12 } 28. The property of R. W. Cortland situated
in Huntsville Ala, consisting of a house & lot known
as the old Dept now in possession of the Supt. Refugee,
Freedom. &c at Huntsville Ala, will be delivered up to
him on the presentation of this order to the Supt.

The rules according after the 31st day of December 1865
will revert to Mr Cortland.

338. Col Major Genl W. Swayne.
By Col C. C. Ball Jr. A. A. Genl

Office Asst Com State. Ala.
Genl R. F. S. L.
Montgomery Jan 14/66

General orders }
No 1 } Captain M. C. Michie (Retired) Reserve
Corps, having in accordance with orders from the War
Dept reported at this office is hereby assigned to duty
as act, ast, adjt. General in the Pension Refuges,
Freedom & Abandoned Lands for the State of Ala.

By order of Col Major Genl W. Swayne
C. C. Ball Jr. A. A. Genl.

339. W. T. May. Probate Judge
To Col C. C. Ball Jr

January 21/66
Huntsville Ala

I have just been informed that the Supplies for the
indigent families of North Alabama are now being
red in Huntsville. You will please forward the per-
-tion to be received by Marshall County, to Birmingham-

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No. Names. Date.

340 John K. George. Probate Judge
De Kalb County, Ala.
Seaboard
Major F. M. Hedgecote.

January 19th 1880.

Subject.

From a communication of yours of last date to Major
May of Marshall County Ala, I learn that you are furnishing
or preparing to furnish the actually indigent whites &
colored inhabitants of Marshall Co with rations and
medicines, provided quarters & fuel are furnished
by the County. I have furnished the Gov of Ala with
a list of the indigent families of De Kalb Ala. & it
will amount to 700 families. It is safe to say that
there are few hundred families, white & colored,
in this County, who will & are now suffering from
the want of subsistence & medicines - This number
includes at least 2,000 persons. If you can fur-
-nish subsistence to the indigent of this County,
Trenton Ga & Sealeville Ala, would be the most
convenient points to or Depots, one half to be shipped
to each place. Supposing that an agent will be ap-
-pointed to superintend this matter in the event the
Genl Govt will aid in the manner above indicated,
I deem it unnecessary to furnish a list at this
time, but will do so, whenever necessary.

Hoping to hear from you at an early day,
as is consistent with your engagements, I will close
by requesting you to address me to the care of
Dr. J. R. Johnson. Trenton Ga.

341. Col A. Johnson. I.
Capt. C. S. S. A. A.

St. Louis Port Newmarket
January 18th 1880.

Special Order of Special Order No. 4. C. S. from there
No 7. Lead Quarter, is so far modified as not
to relieve any part of Tansbury, 1st Co. and Col. F. Sawyer
"B" Co. 45th U.S. C. S. from duty with Freedmen Bureau. Sgt
Tansbury, who has resigned his company for duty, will at
once report for duty to Col. C. S. S. A. A. Supt of R. F. S. A. A.
Sealeville Ala

to James.

Date.

Subject.

342. Genl. (Benson).
pt. Lint. Comdg det
to S. E. Cleland. A. A. G. and
Dist. Southwell & Co

Sa Mr. Det 40. U.S.C.D.
Larkinsville Ala (ay 21/88)

Reports a shameful assault made on a Freedman at Seals-
boro. ~~that~~ The assaulting person one Jimmy- assisted by a
Mr David Garner & Mr Canten. Thinks all three ought
to be arrested & tried for the offence. They all live in
Sealsboro & vicinity. The Freedman is severely but not
dangerously hurt.

See enclosure look page 26.

343. S. J. Corman. apt.
to Det. Wallis.

St Louis. Ala
2 January 21/88

Refer in reference to find a colored boy in prison here
at Seals. He was imprisoned by virtue of a True bill from
the grand jury of the County- and a Capias from the Circuit
Court is held to bail in the sum of one hundred dollars for "evil
conduct" or from 2 to 4 years if grand larceny. Several have been
admitted to bail already & there is quite a feeling on the
part of the authorities in admitting them to bail. Major Good
fellow promised to release me in a short time and I have
been waiting very patiently and hope you will at once release
me as I cannot attend to it. I was inclined to re-
commend Genl. Lee as agent. he was recommended by
Major Goodfellow, & I appointed him this day. I have heard
it was done on a memorial signed by both white & colored,
& I really dislike to recommend any man who will not do
full justice to white & black, and my honest opinion is,
that the agent should be a commissioned officer of U. S.
Army. No man who is a citizen & expects to live in the
county can keep off popular prejudices or the traditions
outside his own door. I need your late communication &
will endeavor to contribute fairly & cheerfully.

Yours so

See Letter #246. in Book. L.S.

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No. 1. Names.

Place.

Subject.

344. Mr. Miss Eliza W. Mayne.
Spt Const. Sta. Ala
(Lancaster P. O. S. S. S.)

Montgomery Ala
January 6th 1865

Special Order.

(P. O. S. S. S.) The accounts of Contract Surgeons, on duty with the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands in this State, must be approved by the Surgeon in Chief for the State before they can be paid.

By Lt. Col. J. S. S. S.

345. Lt. Col. J. S. S. S.
Montgomery Ala

January 25th 1865

Col. J. S. S. S. - Said requisition. We will forward it to Washington for approval.

(By Telegraph)

346. E. M. Meane. School Teacher
Florida Ala

January 28th 1865.

The agent of the Bureau, Mr. [unclear], of this place, having written to Major [unclear] about food & clothing for the suffering Freedmen of this vicinity. He promised to send them supplies, but they not arriving must ask the reason why they are delayed, as many are now in a suffering condition & something should be done at once. Please send some food & clothing to the above agent. What shall be the duty of the agent where the whites refuse to make contracts as many are doing in this town? All are doing well in the country. Would not a word from you, help them to comply with the law.

Respectfully &c

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Mr. James.

Date

347 W. B. Latimer Jr.

Bell Factory at W
January 18th 1808

Subject.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst, & beg leave to say that you have been misinformed in relation to the colored people here. They could have settled nearly a month since. I was continually after them to decide how their portion of the crop was to be divided. They differing amongst themselves about the distribution, as to whether all their more numerous working hands were entitled to a full share. I then referred the matter to Major Goodfellow with a statement of the crop made, and he, Jan 3d ordered as follows, to wit: "This will be settled by the Col'd Men as to distribution according to what each one has done without coming to this office" & they came to no conclusion in the matter. I again applied to Major Goodfellow & his order on the subject was as follows, to wit: "To the colored people at Bell Factory, peace, all who do not wish to live on the place this year, will leave at once as Lt Patton wants the place, & it is to be the privilege of those that stay." They could all have had places the month since. Persons were here almost daily to hire them, but they would not and took no steps about procuring a place, until after Major Goodfellow's last order. Neither did they come to any decision on the distribution of the crop among themselves until the day they were settled with, all of which I am prepared to prove by respectable truth telling people. If my mind is not taken, I presume I have as much true sympathy and good feeling towards these unfortunate people as yourself, or any other person and am as fully disposed to assist them full justice as any one. I give you no entertainment but what Humanity & Reason will be exercised towards them by me. But we all have our rights secured by the Constitution & laws of the U.S. & that right is all I wish to vindicate. If I feel in that here I have no fears of a favorable issue at Washington. My reputation & standing could be known with facility North & South & being a law-abiding man I am fully comply with all regulations of the laws of the U.S. when administered in the

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No. Name.

Date.

347. W. C. Labor from previous page

348. For Maj Genl M. Mayne Esq
Fort Wallis

Office Capt Comd Sta. Ala.
P. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery June 14, 60

349. St John Jones. agent P. R. F. & A. L.
Portland Ala

January 19th 1860

Subject.

Letter & Spirit of the Constitution. There must not be any trouble in the premises. Had it not been for the man March who has said he did not intend to leave until he got ready & that when he did leave he supposed there would be no more. I don't wish any difficulty with them but if in his Whiskey drinking he intends me he will be very likely to land the body of it. With much regard to

Yours ever

No 1 3, Contract.

First Capt George F. Manning. V. R. Co. Having in accordance with order from the War Dept. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, reported at this office, is hereby assigned to duty as aid-de-camp to the apt Comd.

By order of For Maj Genl M. Mayne
M. C. Melchior. Capt & a a a genl

I have the honor to report that in satisfaction some yet needed me. His lady needed as well as a small lot of Medical Stores for small pox cases. The lot of clothing is also now set. I have been kept busy since yesterday making contracts & settling old claims. I have had several calls today to go into the country & see the Freedmen and make contracts where they are still meeting, & will start on Tuesday for a thorough tour of the country. I have found so far a very good disposition on the part of Freedmen to comply with their contracts & become industrious men; the greatest difficulty is in settlement of old claims. I will report on my return, the result of my visit through the country. Please inform me by letter when I can expect relations. I will borrow a little tomorrow for if I need to make extreme cases of necessity. (Later Jan 20th) I could not get the above to you today. I have had a very busy day & have got through so far satisfactory. May perhaps refer a case to you next week if the parties do not comply with my suggestions. I start on Tuesday for the Alabama & hazardous tour of a trip through Lawrence. I have some trouble with cases applying to monies and Freedmen.

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Mr. James
349 St John Street.

Wm
from preceding page

350. C. O. Whitney. Scottsboro Ala - arrived 26th 1888.
to Col L. H. Harris.

11th Oct.
for last year's services. Tolded our case today. The first that
has come up" I would be pleased to receive any advice &
that your experience & might suggest. I am multiplying my
ability to present you with a very interesting report after I return
from my tour through the mountains & sheldens generally. The Bureau
St Duncan will explain why my letter did not reach you today.
It is absolutely necessary that nations be sent to this place as soon
as possible. The limit I think will qualify & sustain me in that.
P.S. The box arrived this a.m. & our clothes were admirably made
like another lot.

Very Respectfully &c

Yours, dated May 22nd is recd, also the \$810 rations, which
you request me to distribute in cooperation with Judge Coulson
I will call on the Judge tomorrow, & if he will designate the
persons entitled to receive rations & give each of them an order
or me certifying that they are so entitled I will issue the rations
make the reports as directed. I have also recd the report of
Lieut Boston (referred to me by yourself, relative to the result
of a man in the role at this place with - I have referred
the same to T. J. Mitchell agent. Bureau & F. S. L. for notoriety
at this place for investigation. Very Respectfully &c
P.S. After receiving your communication the second time, I
have concluded that perhaps you are under the impression that
I am still agent of Bureau for this county. Such is not the
case. I forwarded my resignation to Chapt. Goddellow.
Some weeks since & Mr T. J. Mitchell, Justice of the Peace at
this place was (at my request) appointed in my place. I
resigned the agency because I could not attend to my own
business & discharge the duties of that office, & as justice to
both, but I informed Mr Goddellow that I would do all
I could to assist the agents of the Bureau at any & all times
& I will still do so.

Respectfully

Whitney.

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No.

Name.

Date.

Subject.

351. C. O. Whitney. Soldiers also
to Col. J. B. Leach.

January 27th 1888

wrote you by mail today. Have seen Mr. Coulton. He desires me
to loan the natives over to him, but I must respectfully recommend
that they be delivered to Mr. Mitchell off of the Bureau in this
county. He is the most suitable man. Please answer by telegraph
when you get my letter.

352. John McClellan, apt
Col. J. B. Leach.

January 19th 1888

am this moment in receipt of your note, & its contents will be
promptly attended to. We have been trying to erect a "first
house", but have no funds, & there is not a suitable
house to be found near the town. It is difficult to get
them moved ~~then~~ without money. I tried one Freedman, who
has been moving some two or three cases, and claims a
bill of \$15- and I have been trying to raise the money for
the last three days. I have not succeeded yet. We have
two of the cases on hand now, who were left off the cars
at the time you refer to. I was not aware that the
R Company refused to take them at the time. I had been
here but a few days & did not know what I could do in
the matter, or whether I had the authority to interfere with the
R Company. They are bound for as well as can be
done under the circumstances. Be kind enough to assist
me general instructions

353. J. O. Johnson. Lt. 44. U.S.C.S.
Candy at Somerville also

January 28th 1888

I have the honor to inform you, that my instructions from the
Lt. Dir. of the U.S. Army require me to assist the agents
of the Freedman's Bureau in finding armed men, if needed, and
furnishing such information as may be useful. For want
of time I did not report to your office in person and am
ready to receive written communications of what you desire
to have noticed or performed

(See endorsement Book page 37.)

No.	Names.	Date.
344.	Mr Gaston. Capt. Major 12 th U.S.C.I. Freedman	Angelica Springs Tenn January 1 st 1866.

351.	Sally Robinson Mr Gaston.	To Seaside Ill. ala. Dec 27, 1865.
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350.	Delas Thorlow. Linistone to ala. To Capt. Major	Dec 5 th 1865
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(Synopsis)

Subject.

Writes to Brig. Gen. J. B. Greer - writes in relation to a piece of property - which he claims and interest in through the death of his grand mother. The property being in Seaside Ill. ala. in the following

The Sheriff called today and wanted the money. He has given us ten days to leave. I want you to write me soon & tell me what to do. You will have to show in that time by what authority you hold it, or else give it up. I think you had better come immediately & attend to the matter your self.

(See Endorsement book page 37)

States that one Tucker in company with a constable took from his plantation, without proof or process of law and in his absence, a Mule branded U.S. & I.C. bought by him from a discharged Cavalry Soldier who purchased from the U.S. M. & his Regt., claiming said Mule as his property. Also that in a trial of the case, the justice refused to take negro testimony, refused to grant a continuance to enable him to procure white testimony, or permit him to send one mile for other white evidence, but without further notice, and on insufficient evidence gave judgment against him.

(See Endorsement Book page 38)

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No. Names.

Date

Subject

357 Col L Johnson to
Maj Col J. B. Callis.Sta M Dist Huntsville
Huntsville Ala
January 27th 1865

The attention of officers, especially Staff Officers, having enlisted men on detached duty, or extra duty, with them as orderlies and in other capacities, is called to the many now existing irregularities in the dress of such men, and to their general slovenly appearance. It seems almost, that men so detailed, being for the time, from under the supervision and authority of their permanent commanders, are left to choose the dress or uniform which suits them best. Officers exposed to above, are reminded that they are personally responsible for the men under their control, and they are directed to see that all such men conform at once with regulations with reference to uniform and dress and that their personal appearance is at all times neat and soldier-like.

358. Post Major G. S. Ingham to
Maj Col J. B. Callis.Offic Capt Com. State of Ala
P. R. F. S. S.
Montgomery Jan 26th 1865

Special orders. The property of George P. Beard, consisting of a house No 17, & Lot, situated on the South Side of William Street between Franklin Street & Adams Avenue in the City of Huntsville Alabama, now under the control of the Capt of the Bureau at that place, will be delivered up to him on the presentation of this order. All rents that have been paid by him to the Superintendent since July 10th 1865 will be refunded.

U. S. The property known as Samuel Marshall's plantation lying near Flint River in Madison County Ala now under control of the Superintendent of this Bureau at Huntsville Ala, will be delivered up to the heirs of Samuel Marshall on the receipt of this order. All rents accruing since the 31st Dec 1865, will revert to the owners of the land.

(See E book p. 39. relation this last property)

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No

Name.

Date.

Subject.

359. Samuel I Standifer
Judge of Probate
Carter, Cherokee Co Ala

January 22^d 1866.

From some cause yours of the 25th inst was delayed until last evening 8 o'clock. I was more than glad to hear what was to be looked for, for both white & black. On the 25th Decr, the Troops left this post, and your letter gave the first intimation what was to be done with the whites or blacks by the Govt or State authorities. This is a very large County with a heavy population the largest small armies of both sides came here time & again, the result of which was to leave many entirely destitute. There has been no aid to this day either State or Genl Govt & not a dollar in the County or State Treasury since the surrender. It is true that the County Commissioners in Nov last authorized me to borrow money for the support of the poor (Hans), but I failed to get little. I bought provisions on my own age & on the faith of the County until my means have become exhausted. As soon as the soldiers left here in Decr, most of the freedmen left their former owners are doing but little good. Some failed to comply with their contracts & some of the women & children failed to get homes. From the effects of the war many of the whites & from the conduct of the blacks many are now suffering. From the situation of the County, I have been compelled to send only the most helpless slaves of white & black to the poorhouse. I have cut many that I know are fit subjects. I have written to Major Genl Sargent & if I do not receive an answer of instruction by the 29th I shall be to see you in person, for I cannot do the subject justice by writing. I shall come as soon as I can, for I assure something must be done & that speedily. I also wrote to him on the subject of instructions as to issuing Marriage Licenses to the soldiers under his orders of the 7th Sept 1865. As the ordinance of the Convention of Oct 29th left up to that date recognizing them as husband & wife. I hope you will write to him as soon as you get this letter & tell him the condition of the County & get full instructions by the time I come & tell him we cannot get provisions from Blue-Mountain, that they must come by way of Rome & then down the river to this County. I have an additional list at the poorhouse & will have more & furnish food.

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11. Names

Date

Subject

380. John & Emma W. Conners
to Col. Leach

Beckford a la
January 29th 1886

I have had a conference with Mr. E. P. Condit & he informs me that he has signed sometime since his connection with the Bureau of Freedmen & S. I. S. I hope therefore you will instruct him to turn the ration over to me that I may distribute them as soon as I can do so. The people are applying to me daily and urging me to go to see you, but I put them off, by saying you will give me the instructions before many days. Hoping to hear from you very soon. I remain Sir

381. Capt. W. C. Leach. Apt
at Beekford a la
to Col. Leach.

January 31st 1886

I have the honor to report a very favorable state of affairs in this Co. All the blacks are at work & but we have applied for rations & they only wanted some little assistance. There "Mountain" & "S. I. S." of my own complexion often call on me to see if they can draw something & are sent off in a good humor with a very concise & brief lecture on industry & political economy. These rations are at Beekford & will probably be done next Monday.

382. Col. C. Leach Jr.
Montgomery Ala
to Mr. Col. J. O. Leach, Capt.

office apt Com. State of Ala
R. R. F. & S. I. S.
January 28th 1886

Internally I am Sir
The apt Com. requests that you will inquire into the case of a certain claim of Mr. David G. Beekford & Co. for the ~~possession~~ possession of his property, now in charge of Bureau. If Mr. Beekford comes under the amnesty exceptions also has been pardoned, or if he does not and has taken the proper amnesty oath you will if in your judgment there is no award to the contrary deliver up to him his property with all debts concerning subsequent to Dec 31st 1865. Respectfully Sir

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Turner

Call

Subject

363. John A. Green, agt R. R. & L.
Succumbia Sta
To Col of D. C. Davis
Bureau R. R. & L.
January 3rd 1865

364. The D. W. Rice, Asst Brig Genl
in charge So Div
To St W Irving Meador
J. M. Davis office
Washington D. C.
Dior 29th 1865.

365. D. C. Furrerline To
Col John B. Davis
Pascaden Church Co
January 29th 1865.

Yours of the 28th recd this morning. I saw Mr. Hugh Carls, this day handed him your notice also charge for which enclosed you will find his not acknowledged not of same - taken for this place tomorrow (I hope) & so.

The enclosed accounts or claims in favor of Rachel Harris and others, citizens of Alabama, are respectfully returned as not subject to consideration in this office. The act of Congress Jan 4. 1864. by which this office is formed in the consideration of claims, provides only for the claims of citizens of States not in rebellion.

I have just recd a letter from M. H. Cornish Esq. State Commr informing me that I have been appointed the agt for my county (Cherokee) to receive the supplies for the indigent of my Co. That I must receive them from you on my error, at some point on the Memphis & Charleston R. R. Col. will you pardon me if I ask of you, if it is not in your power to send them by R Road to Rome Ga. Then I can get them by St Paul into my county, if I have to remove them from the point designated it will be miles. However, if you can not send them to Rome Ga. I will receive them at Chattanooga Tenn, as that will be my nearest point. Please inform me at what time I can send for them & the number of lbs, the character of the supplies, or rather what they consist of. So me the kind of ^{send} me the form of order you desire, as I am informed they are drawn on my error. I am aware that Chattanooga is the terminus of the M & C R. R. but any point below that would render it almost impossible for me to get them away. The mountains to cross & streams without bridges at this season, would render it very difficult. Please let me hear from you. I write in great haste to send by hand, as we have no mail facilities, except by the train.

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No. Names.
 206. Mrs. Anne. B. Hobbs
 etc.
 Mr. John. B. Curtis

Date
 Decatur Gauchon etc
~~St. Louis~~ etc
 January 31st 1868

Subject

In returning for a portion of my plantation near this place. I found upon it a negro woman named Sally, formerly owned by Miss Sally Dancy of Maryland. She is in very bad health, utterly unable to support herself, and lives now with her three small children, all under six years of age. They all still remain here, and I am disinclined either to force her on the road or permit her to starve in my yard. Not having lost my study, save my lands and having myself & my little children to support I am unable to support her, in addition to several disabled negroes formerly owned by me, and which are upon my hands.

Up to this time I have provided for them, but this becomes too burdensome. I have applied to Mr. J. L. Remond, to remove her and relieve me, but he is perfectly unable to act, as he was assigned as agent of the Bureau, and now I ask you to direct her removal, to such place as is provided for such cases. Your immediate attention will greatly oblige
 Very Respectfully etc

207. S. R. Wheeler. &
 1st Lt. 40. U.S.C.S. & a.c.S.

Office Com. Substitution
 Bagpost etc Aug. 31/68

I certify in honor that I have spent Six Dollars and ten cents (610.) to Refugees, since the 21st day of January. 1868. and have received neither Stores nor Returns coming the same. S. R. Wheeler.

208. S. R. Wheeler

~~as above~~
 Feb. 1st 1868.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my certificate approved by command of the post of the amount of rations issued to Refugees, placed and a return coming the same.
 Very Respectfully

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No. 388. J. W. Lester.
Col & Bot Brig. Genl
Cent of fort.
Bridgeport Ala
Date. 4d 2hrs. 40. 2563
January Feb 3/88.

389. John McCauley
Agent
Stevenson Ala
Date Feb 1888
(no date)

390. M. C. Wickham, u.s.g. Officer. Apt Com. Stead at
So. B. R. F. S. S. L.
Bot Col J. W. Lucas
Montgomery Ala Feb 1/88

Subject.

Writes stating, suffering at that place & vicinity
amongst the destitute. That supplies are exhausted, &
asks for a supply to be sent immediately.
See 389. & enclosement book p. 40.

I have not as yet recd any rations from distributors.
Have addressed two notes to Mr Mitchell without any
reply. I am annoyed to death by poor ignorant & white
persons both here & at Bridgeport. Not many find
me applying. Some women & children. I wrote to Mr
Mitchell that it was your ^{with} request, that part of
those rations were intended for this place. The
weather is cold & many people are in great want
(See E. book p. 44) Respectfully &c

I am directed by Major Genl Maynard to say that the
Bureau can not provide coffins. He is so busy
that it was impossible to write you fully by his dictation
The only point touched he told me was to touch upon
me as I said above. The Bureau can't furnish
rations.
M. C. Wickham

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No.

James.

Date.

Subject.

371 Thos. R. Williams
 Article Judge
 Morgan Co Ala
 To
 Col. J. D. Coates.

Somerville Ala
 Feby 2nd 1868.

I recd a letter a few days ago from Mr. Brinkhanks Com-
 mdr also in relation to the indigent families of this county. I was
 appointed by Major Goodfellow to distribute to the necessities of all
 such in our county. I sent our two wagons and received four
 barrels of Pork - 1 do Beans, a small portion of Coffee, Sugar & crackers.
 The crackers were very indifferent, so much so they were almost worthless.
 Mr Brinkhank writes me, at the next Com. Court to have
 a suitable agent appointed who will attend to receiving and
 issuing rations; our court will meet on Monday next, at
 which time an appointment for that purpose will be made;
 with the amt sent me I distributed two months rations to 257
 persons. I yet have some crackers on hand, I have received
 applications since I have had out. Mr Brinkhank proposed to
 have them shipped to any point on the M & C. R. R. I would
 suggest, the expediency of sending them to Decatur care of A. W.
 Patterson, who is the agent of the Bureau at that place, which
 will be much more convenient to this point. If I had not
 recd the letter above referred to, I would have sent our before
 this for other supplies but as the Com. Court was so near at
 hand, I concluded to wait, until an agent was appointed.
 Under the pressing demands for rations, I would like to have them
 forwarded to Decatur as soon as possible. Please write me at
 this place, at what time they will be sent. As soon as
 is appointed I will write you giving you his name. Please
 give me such instructions as may be necessary and I will
 send them over to the agent. Any thing I can do to forward
 the cause, I assure you I will take a great pleasure in doing.
 Very Respectfully &c

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Name

Date

Subject

372

J. M. Green agent
Tusculum Ala
To
A. R. Cullis

Tusculum
Febry 4th 1868.

School report

Your dispatch of 5th inst recd this morning. The Dispatch
for agent at Florence forwarded. We have one Freedmen's
School in this City according to the Teachers report to me.
It has 120 pupils on School roll & daily attendance
about 60. The School is in a prosperous condition. For
more better information as to condition of the School. I
enclose the Teachers report to me of this date. Mr Norton,
The Teacher. I think a very gentleman, and one who under-
stands the business and is extremely popular with the
children. He is assisted by Miss Brown. They both deserve
credit for the manner in which they have conducted the
School. Mr Norton concurs with me. I am well pleased
with him as a gentleman and teacher. Very respectfully
enclosing Mr Norton's report

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J. G. Morrow To
A. R. Cullis

Homerville Ala
Febry 5th 1868

I have been appointed by the Court of Morgan County,
agent to receive & distribute rations to the destitute families in
said county. I enclose a letter from the Honorable M. A.
Crinkshaw Court of Ala to our Probate Judge that this
county is entitled to draw Supplies not to exceed three hundred
& sixty nine (369) rations daily for this month. I think it will
require the full amount to supply the destitute. You will
please send me the Supplies to Decatur, care of Capt A. M.
Patterson. Aft agent Freedmen's Bureau to very respectfully &c

929

Name.

Date.

Subject.

394 Miss M. J. Wells
To
Hon. Garret

Richmond Ala
Feb'y 7th 1865

I wish you by request of Cherry Stedridge (or Toys) a colored woman who complains of injustice at the hands of several citizens and "the satisfaction from the Bureau man" among the numerous evils complained of, will mention this one. She occupied a house (belonging to a Mr. Munson of this place) some years. She was placed in the house by a federal officer, as the property was in the hands of the military, and most of it occupied by them. He has sued her for the rent. The trial has been adjourned till March, when, she is told, it will be transferred from the Bureau to the court, where, she is told, it will surely go against her. She is therefore advised to "pay the rent before the trial comes on and thus save costs." In such a case how the rent be collected? The present Co. Commr, I have never met, know nothing about his management, except in the general testimony of the colored people. If their reports have a tinge of truth, there are some things that need investigation. Men are said to be confined in the county jail for petty thefts committed while the country was under martial law &c. &c. Could the affairs of the Bureau be administered by a military man or one whose local interest was not there, there would be more hope for justice. Yours very Truly.

(See reply in L.S. No 389)

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No.

Name.

Date.

Subject.

345

Mr. W. Ingersoll

Hartwell Tenn

To

Col I B. Claiborne

May 4th 1855

Yours of the 6th inst. inquiring in regard to claim of Abby Perkins for pay and her dead son, is recd. The claim has been sent to Washington for settlement. I may be several months before it is adjusted, when settled, will notify her of the fact. Y. O. B. S. S.

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Lieut J. Johnson

Comdg. post

To

Col I B. Claiborne

Lieut J. Johnson

February 8th 1858

Contract.

It Col J. R. Webster, U. S. C. Inf., is hereby detailed for duty in the Freedmen's Bureau, and will at once report in person to Col I B. Claiborne, Supt. of R. F. and A. S. Sub Dist of Hartwell also

By order of

Lieut J. Johnson

John W. King

Lt & A. S. D. C.

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John C. Bell

Hartwell Tenn

February 8th 1858

Your communication of the 6th inst. in regard to the claims of Mrs. Caroline Derrick, came duly to hand. In answer to which I would respectfully inform you that the claims have been duly forwarded to Washington, D. C. and as yet we have heard nothing from them, which is the best indication we could have of their legitimacy. The reason we have for thinking thus, is, we know that all claims are examined at their reception at Washington and anything found wanting in them, we are immediately notified to furnish. But in the case spoken of above, we have been notified to furnish no additional evidence, consequently which they will soon be allowed.

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No.

Name.

Date.

Subject.

378

John Laurence
To
Col. Harris

Washville Tenn
July 25/68

P. R. Frost. S. Ky & Tenn.
2nd Corps Office

Yours of Aug 23rd is acknowledged. The despatch of which you speak came to my office, and was placed in the hands of the Merchants Detective Police, who arrested the man, collected the money, & gave him the escape. Of course then I had no means of ascertaining to whom the money belonged. It affords me pleasure to return it to you deducting the Detective costs, which were \$4.00 leaving \$28.00 which please send recd.

(Note - The above \$28.00 has been deducted here for Telegraph fee, was paid to the telegraph office, to whom the money was sent. This day July 18th 1868. Witness to the payment of the \$27.00 by Col. J. B. Callis. P. R. Frost. S. Ky & Tenn.)

379.

Mrs. F. Pascoe gentl agt
Washington D C

Central Office
Febry 5th 1868.

The papers you forwarded to this Office, under date of Aug 13th 1868, are recd & will be examined, and, if found correct, filed in the proper Post Department for adjudication. If the testimony is complete, Pension claims will be speedily adjusted; but claims for Bounty and arrears of pay, will take their turn, & cannot be reached short of from eight to twelve months after the death of the party on whose account the claim is made.

Respectfully Yours
Amanda Harrison

Widow of
Oliver Harrison
Lt Col "C" 11th U.S. Co
for
Pension & for arrears
of pay & Bounty.

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James.

Dale

386. John Alexander
Blount Co Ala
To
Col J. D. Calles

Blount Co Ala
Febry 9th 1865.

Requid to Col J. D. Calles
Comd'g Fort. Pick. Huntsville Ala
S. E. Park. P. M.

387. Thos. R. Williams. Probate Judge. Romeville Ala
Morgan Co Ala
Febry 6th 1865.

Subject

With to state my case to you & ask your advice. I am 73 years old next month. I fought 3 years under Genl Jackson, my father was a soldier in the Revolution & all my relations always true to the Government. When I opposed this damnable rebellion I was arrested & condemned to be shot, but through aid of a friend made my escape. All my little property was taken and destroyed, my granary hid and thrown into the river and drowned, and the men, and the men that have done this, are running at large, and the rebel courts will not punish them. I would like you would be so good as to give me some instructions in reference to the course to pursue, in order to get pay for my property, and reward for my losses & suffering. I had also to ^{lie} out in rock houses, to save myself for about 18 months and now the villains, that started all this, are safe under the protection of the rebel office holders of this State. Is it possible that the Govt will suffer traitors to govern our State. Please send me the information necessary by the bearer of this, & you will much oblige. I am, Sir, respectfully &c
John Alexander.

Concerning the appointment of a person, as agent & receiver to distribute rations to the soldiers. I require the shipment of this quantity of rations to the station at the M. C. R. R. in entirety out of rations & have duly many applications for them, & asks, at what they will reach & deliver.
(Synopsis)

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No

Names

Date

Subject.

382 H. Wadsworth a. a. d. w.
Newbury Mass
To
2nd Col. J. P. Ballin

Feb'y 7th 1860

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th ult. enclosing Special Regulations. They have been forwarded to Washington for approval.
Very Respectfully &c

383 A. Morley Patterson agt
Director also
To Col Ballin

ag't Friedman's Reman
February 11th 1860.

I have the pleasure to report that my "small pox" Hospital, patients are going along finely. I have discharged 3 patients & shall another tomorrow. I can say one has been very mild, one was very in a hopeless condition, and Friday night. I have still in hospital three colored & one white patients. Can you get me some black tea for them & a little Rice? The case in Leicester about cotton so much fuss was made is also doing well, it was never anything but a case of erysipelas & the parties who blamed so much about it would have been glad to attend to it & then refused even to carry over the door a little medicine for him - but on such dogs. I have before me a singular case for investigation & I must your opinion as to the proper course to pursue. A colored man who was born & lived in this country early in the war, when there was a general hanging & whipping, was taken up in Somerville & whipped very severely. Some say over three thousand stripes to make him tell of a conspiracy of which he says he knew nothing & of which really only existed in the brain of the frightened slave owners. At last however he was let off by submitting to go into slavery as the least punishment that could possibly be inflicted by the wronged mob, which of course he consented to do as he was nearly flogged to death. He therefore voluntarily became the slave of one Joe Patterson better known now as Geo. J. Patterson, who after keeping him awhile, sold him for a heavy lot in the town of Somerville also, which he, Patterson now lives in, & a horse valued at \$190. He was kept in bondage over 18 months when he escaped to Yanktendon. All this I am told can be established by competent proof without any trouble. I would like to see this case legally investigated, as there are others run like it, that in my opinion should be looked into.
Very Respectfully &c

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No. Name.

Date.

Subject.

384. Col C. Cade for a post office. 1st Comr. State
 P. R. F. S. A. L.
 To
 Montgomery Ala
 Feb 10/88

Post Col J. B. Cullis

Your recommendation of Jan 29th for the removal of J. M. Martin has been received. The Apt Comr directs that you will immediately notify Mr Martin that the jurisdiction conferred in him by the laws of the State is suspended and that any action on his part in cases where fraud and interested parties, will be at his peril, and you may at your discretion arrest him. You are authorized to take this course with any magistrate, whose court is not a court of record.

Application has been made to the Govr for the removal of Mr Martin, and the appointment of Mr R. F. Thatch.

Very Respectfully &c

385 Lt Col L. R. Webster

Gasconade Ala
 Feb 14/88

To
 Post Col J. B. Cullis

I have the honor to report that in accordance with S. O. 704 issued Nov 20th 1887, P. R. F. S. A. L. Sub Dist Louisville Ala Feb 8/88 I have visited the agents of the Bureau in the counties of Limestone, Lauderdale, Morgan, Monroe and Franklin, procuring from my Post inspectors of Monroe Co a list of names at Mount Hope. In Limestone there has been yet no issue of rations because of military action of commissioners court, which only reported a list of indigent white persons. In Morgan Co Mr Patterson has over a half of his rations yet on hand. There is much complaint in Franklin Co of an inadequate supply of rations. Mr Grew claims in Franklin a larger population than in Morgan Co or Lauderdale & a greater degree of destitution. He states he has received but 59 boxes of bread, 1000 lb Bacon 12 Bbls pork, 100 Beans &c. in value 3930 rations. Lauderdale Co 159. Boxes of bread, 28 Bbls pork, 500 Beans, Morgan Co 100 5030 rations. Mr Grew thinks the distribution made at the Ad 2nd of the Dist, to be disproportioned & reports himself out of rations & needs distribution. In Lauderdale Mr Finge has some rations yet on hand. He has in some cases found it necessary to require some white applicants to make oath to the fact of

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distinction - This house he has been disposed of by some such persons. In this ^{Lauderdale} county, Morgan & Simons, the Palomrs are many & work under contract. In Franklin many planters have employed Palomrs without contract. This especially in Russell Valley, because Mr. New the agent, refused to approve a contract for first class Palomrs at Ten (10) dollars per month, on the ground that it was not a just & sufficient compensation. In Lauderdale Mr. Tinge informs that Judge Beaham, judge of probate, sold a portion of the issue of June & pay for the transportation of the remainder of the supplies from Tusculum to Florence. Alledging the county was unable to transport them. Mr. Coman in Simons desires to do justice and has corrected some bad contracts. He is a young lawyer & has great fear of unpopularity. He requests to be relieved & recommends Mr. B. Saunders - seems to be a justice & a fit man for the position. Mr. Coman requests instructions in a case referred to him from the Dist Office - a debt note - due from Mr. Hatch to Cherry (they a freed woman). The parties bringing the note are probably insolvent. Has Mr. Coman the right to make distress for payment? and is his order in the case equivalent to execution by court. No other cases of improper disposition of supplies, except that of Judge Beaham of Lauderdale Co mentioned above, have come to my notice.

The agents inform me they have made no reports for the month of June as no returns were made for that month.

I have the honor to be,

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386. C. A. Funge. apt B.R.F.S. office Freedman's Bureau
to
St. J. Midler.
Morrice Landersdale Co
Febry 20th 1866.

I will send you the amount of contracts entered into.
My book from the 1st day of Jan'y 1866 up to this date.
all for the year 1866. And husband & nineteen the
average is about fourteen Dollars a month & there
ration & houses to live in. And the average of the
Freedman's shares is about one fourth of the
cotton & one third of the corn & every thing else
raised in said lands. Tools & every thing found
to there hand. Respectfully Your Obedt
C. A. Funge agent Freedman
(A true copy) Bureau

387. J. A. Green. apt to
to
W. J. Midler.
Freedman's Bureau
Febry 20th 1866.

Yours of 15th inst recd & in reply say, that Mr. Hugh
Carlisle is absent & has been for some time therefore
the notice is not send. I will have all my reports
ready in due time. I think I will be in your city next
month. Respectfully &c.

388. F. J. Mitchell. apt B.R.F.S. A.S.
for Jackson Co Ala
to
Col. Cullis.
date supposed to be
18 or 19. Feb'y 1866

will please send the affidavit in closed box to this
office with instructions as to the title of the laws
or with his opinion by Tuesday the 20 inst and oblige
Yours
F. J. Mitchell
(A true copy)

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W. C. Wilkinson
a. a. a. c.
Montgomery Ala

Feb 17th 1866

But Col. Jno B. Ballis

The within case was referred to Col. G. D. Hargraves
Supr here by a member of the House of Representa-
tives. Please make a statement of the facts in this
case as soon as practicable, to this Office Mr Penney
appeals from your decision in this case to May Genl
Swayne

Very Respectfully

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James L. Corson
Lieut.
Athens Ala
Co.

Feb

But Col. Jno B. Ballis

Says that the Freedmen's school is in a flourishing
condition & has 100 to 150 pupils, who astonish all with
their susceptibility for learning.

The County Court have
made out a list of indigent whites. Also will include
the colored which will be ready "next week" for
distribution of rations. Contracts are fully made and
all are anxious to leave & go to work. Apologizes
for the incompleteness of this report but will be
more explicit in next report. would be happy
to receive a call from the Col.

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C. A. Fenge, Capt. 2nd Regt. 2nd B.
Florence Ala

February 8th 1866

But Col. Jno B. Ballis

Has the honor to report, 112 enrolled scholars in the
F. School average attendance 80. 12 in Mth Reader
13 in 3rd Reader 40 in 2nd do. 20 in 1st do and the
remainder in alphabet class. Taught by E. M. Means
wife under the supervision of. Q. S. Presbyterian Church
of C. F. Pittsburg Pa. There are also several minor
schools in surrounding country kept by Freedmen.
Also states that the former aversion of the whites
is fastly diminishing. Also states is Capt. Fenge that
Contracts are fully made, wages as high as \$20 per
mo. & Board & Doctor Bill. There are some in town

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C. A. Tenge. continued

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392 Jno W. Hainly
Capt. regt R & F B.
Stevenson Ala
To
Asst. Col. Geo B. Hallis

Feb 22^d 1866

at
but we are not willing to work & ask for
instructions in the case. acknowledges receipt of letter
Says Judge Benham has turned it all over to
him (Tenge) & he has to issue to White & Black.
Will report 1st March as instructed. also touches
for the Gentleness, Character of Mr. means. &c.

Says that Carpenter came in yesterday and gave
himself up. I find by conversing with citizens
that Carpenter sustains a good name. is also
informed by two Ex Rebel Captains that there
was an order in relation to taking up Negroes
which I sup. & call your attention to. Carpenter
has a poor helpless family which must become
a burden to the Dept. Capt Boyd says his wife
is sick & that he can give any amount of security
& they both recommend him to your utmost
Clemency.

393 W. T. May
Judge P. C.
Guntersville Ala
To
Asst. Col. Geo B. Hallis

Feb 4th 20th 1866

Reports as requested (Feb 14th) after strict inquiry
through County. Those destitute & unable to work
as follows, we have issued to 888 whites & 161 Col^d
total 1049. The report shows the no. of women men
& children. The no. of destitute including those issued
to & those not issued to. in this County is 1600 disabled
men & 1000 healthy. 550 Women. 1240 White children.
The no of Col^d issued to as per Report is 87 men
42 Women & 111 children. The Col^d population are
industrious & at work. The no of Col^d unable to work was
12 men. 60 women 70 Boys & 10 Girls. The former Repts. 1950 whites
227 Col^d Total 2177.

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394 Edw. Rucker
Rec & dis officer R. F. C. L. of Ala
Montgomery Ala
To
Col. Geo. B. Callis

Feb. 21st 1866

Sup. Vouch of the 14th to Col. Rucker enclosing ap. Current. &
54.29 Cash was handed to me by Col. Rucker.
herewith I return triplicate Repts for same.

395 V. M. Dendrum P. L.
Tusculum Ala
To
M. Irving Miller

Feb. 24th 1866

Acknowledges receipt of letter charging him with
selling Rations "for a valuable consideration" which
were sent to him for the benefit of indigents.
Repts refers him to reports sent this am to Col
Callis. requests notice if any further explanation
is necessary.

396 J. M. Green agt. re.
Tusculum Ala
To
Col. Geo. B. Callis

Feb. 25th 1866

Encloses three (3) recommendations one for M. R. Long,
one for Geo. M. Cantrell & one for Geo. Derritt - of Winston &
Marion Counties. Says his Rept. & Requisition would have
been already sent, but is waiting on Judge Monroe to
send in his reports, but will not wait on him longer
than Monday next when I will send again for
my portion of the County. Has forwarded ^{by express} Rations
sent to Judge Derritt & they refuse to pay but
gave orders on their Co. Treasurers. The Co. has no
money & some of the parties are annoying him
about their pay. I think it is the agt's duty to adv.
ance the money & wait on the County himself.
Also says that it is reported that a portion of
the rations shipped was sold to pay transportation
from this place to their County, a distance
of only 5 miles.

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397.

J. J. Mitchell
ag. R. F. & L. S.
Gentlemen Ala.
J.
Port. Col. Geo. D. Callis.

Feb. 4 28th 1866

Enclosed Statement of Rations issued for Feb. 4 which he hopes will prove satisfactory. refused to issue to many applicants. but thinks all were served that were entitled. There may have been some at Adgport that failed on ac of not knowing where to apply. but will see that they are supplied from Stevenson for Mo. of March. Will investigate the case of McCauley & Halton next Wednesday & send you report. Haute form sent of Contract. also enclosed his own & Mr. C. O. Whitneys recommendations for one John A. Sparks to Agency for County.

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Martha Keel "Institute"
N Jackson Co. Ala
Port. Col. Geo. D. Callis

Feb. 4 28th 1866

Understands that Mr. Jones reported that she was not destitute. says she can prove she is des. & says Southern people will work to each others advantage. Admits she has some stock & hired a farm at a high price & if she is obliged to hire out her children. Cant make her own crop & pay rent. Sickness prevents her coming to Mobile or she would have done so. & asks advice & does not see why Jones' report should be believed in preference to hers.

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Ch. A. Renge ag. Bureau
Florence Ala
N
Commander at Huntsville

Feb. 4 26. 1866

Reports on hand list R. B. (Bardner unfit for use) 15 R. B. Port 14 R. B. Salt, 20 R. B. Sugar 20 Shovelmen dried meat. The Beans are all expended. Has not read last shipment of rations but they are on the other side of River.

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400 C. A. Tenge agt Bureau
To

Feb. 28, 1866

Enclose report to date of rations issued to destitute colored except two loads of rations which were forwarded to Gravelly Springs for issue. Sent one Hagon load and Judge Benham sent the other & as soon as he reports to me I will forward the Rpt. to you. Never need your letter about reporting No of Male & Female children. but will so report this month.

401 James L. Coman agt.
Athens Limetown Co Ala
To
Post. Col. Am. Ballis

Feb. 26, 1866

Enclose monthly report of white & black destitute. has been issuing only a few days & expended about \$4 rations. had great difficulty in arriving at No of sick & needy & says report is now incomplete. Send his & the Communities thanks & a loyal eulogy on so magnificent a government. Requests his resignation accepted on account of other duties & recommends either Benton Landers or Capt. A. C. David as successor. both good competent men. Contrabands are too loosely made some verbally & many agreements made without stamps & thinks wages too low & predicts suffering on the part of the Black in consequence. The school is flourishing

402 C. P. Fitch A. A. Surgeon
Huntsville Ala
To
H. Widdley asst Capt.

Feb. 28th 1866

Transmits report of Rations & articles for month of Feb. 4 with approved contracts during month.

403 J. Edwards agt.
Duck Springs Ala
To
Post. Col. Am. Ballis

Wishes any communication to him sent to Paducah Ala send Record Book & stationery

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No.	Name	Date	Subject
404	W Patterson apt. Deputy Morgan Ala to Post. Col. Geo B. Ballis	Feb. 28 1866	Rec'd last month 6336 Rations issued Feb 23. on hand 2853. Portions of R. have not been supplied on acct of misunderstanding with Judge Williams & is impossible to give a correct estimate for March. The wants of Freedmen are subsiding, while the demands of the whites are on the increase says the whites have the idea that all will be supplied who apply only issues to those whose need is established beyond a doubt. There will be great need for Bread & Meat until the new crop is made.
405	Col. L. Johnson Huntsville to Lt. Middley rear Supt. &c	March 1 st 1866	Details private Lewis Oliver 44 th U.S. Col. Inf. as orderly to report in person to Lt. Middley S. O. No 45
406	Jno D Taylor Huntsville Ala to Post. Col. Geo B. Ballis. Supt.	March 2 nd 1866	Says the Building used as Hospital near Spring & owned by Mrs. Patterson, was rented for \$50 per month previous to being used as Hospital. Maj. Goodfellow made no allowance at all for Nov. December & only \$30 month since. Requests steps to be taken so that she can get Dec Rent & also the following months which have been allowed but never paid
407	V. M. Benham P. Judge Tuscola Ala to Post. Col. Geo B. Ballis Supt.		Refers to charges made against him for selling rations and shows that the funds so rec'd were expended for transportation of Rations necessarily & begs an investigation into his Character &c

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408 J. W. Lester. Col & Dist. Dir. Gen.
Bridgeport Ala
To
Col. Callis Supt. re

Feb. 28th 1866

Complains that the Scottsboro apt. does not comply with orders as to dividing rations. Stevenson dist. tates are suffering & McCauley apt. has no rations & has only rec'd 2 Pies Pork & 10 Pies Bread. & asks if that is the portion for that part of Jackson Co. Complains of rascality of agts in his district & doubts the integrity of the Stevenson apt. Has issued 300 Rations on his own responsibility

409 Robt. H. Ramsey asst. Adj. Genl
Nashville Tenn
Spec. Order.

Feb. 21st 1866

S.O. No. 37. 1st Lt. Wm Irving Miller 3rd U.S. Cal^d Not Heavy. is hereby detailed for duty in the Bureau of R. & L. & will report in person to Supt. Sub Dist Huntsville Ala

410 John Jones 1st Lt. & Dist. Mag^r
asst Supt. S.D. Newtonville
Cortland Ala
To
W. J. Miller asst Supt. re

March 3rd 1866

Transmits herewith Feb'y Rpts. has caused the Co bread Pies & Freedmen. & endeavored to improve on Employment the fact that Freedmen have same law. privileges as white. Harmony is universal. Military have acted promptly when called on & made arrests. & bonds required to keep peace when difficulties have arisen. Has taken measures to establish a Freedmen aid Society & has about \$200 fund on hand for relief of orphan Children. list of dependent Freedmen will be speedily reduced. Requires affidavits from dependents. Most contracts are made for portion of the crop. wages cents average \$15 per month. has issued 7040 Rations Supts Requisition for March also former agts Rep. has written to Chesham for School Books & heard nothing yet. will comply with instructions about stamping recording contracts has approved 104. Cents binding 426 hands. Expended \$10 for Books will submit money Rpt. as soon as possible.

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411 O. N. Pymum Ex agh.
Grenthand Ala
To
Port. Col Geo B. Callis
Supt.

March 3rd 1866

Slaps has approved to date 220 contracts aggregate 1046 hands
most contracts are for share of crop generally one half & the
land proprietor furnishing necessary means, which he
considers best way for contracting. Has iss^d to date
3250 rations has turned over to successor S. B. Broad & B. B.
In withdrawing from the agency would say it was started
under embarrassing circumstances citizens not liking the
Bureau idea but when fully acquainted with the object
were pleased with it. Has been the means of increasing
wages given from \$8 mo to \$12 & 15. Freedmen anxious
to work & very orderly.

412 E. J. Fitch a. a. Surg. USA
Huntsville
To
Lt. Widler asst Supt.

March 5 1866

Reports two deaths at Hospital & wants 5 boxes notified
to make necessary coffins. both adult males.

413 Wilmer Walton
To
Port. Col Geo B. Callis

Mch 3rd 1866

Thinks under existing circumstances best not to bring evidence
before J. J. Mitchell & prove unsuitableness of Bro McCaulley
& same as agh. & B. but is convinced that McCaulley is unsuit-
able for the position & suggests the immediate app^t of H. C. Webb
instead. In reference to Andersons statement that his former agh may
have demanded \$2.50 per month upon the Col^d people without his
(Andersons) knowledge but such demand was made. Relieves
all his statements to O. H. Howard in reference to McCaulley to be
true. Encloses Reports of the F. mens School.

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414 J. M. Elliott Capt. 44th Inf. Ala
Supt. A. R. & A. L.
Marshall Co Ala

March 5

Ant. Col. Mrs. Ballis. Supt.

Acknowledges Receipt of letter 26th ult. & encloses report of Contracts recorded 30.

No fees received none because I had no notice that School was for regular in all cases will do better next time

415 J. L. Comon
Agt. Athens Ala

March 6 1866

Ant. Col. Mrs. Ballis Supt.

There have been made & approved 220 Contracts, average wages paid \$10 for 1st class & \$6 for 2^d class hands, most were made before we knew they required stamping has notified the parties & they are being stamped. 45 whites & 15 Col. added to list of distict. Reports two cases of death by small pox that had been dead 5 days when reported to him & is unable to get them buried has offered \$10. per day & furnish his own team. Schools are flourishing

416 Gilbert Higley (Col^d)
Commander Post Still

March 5 1866

Writes in behalf of John Mustard and disch^d Soldier Col^d who is reported to have small pox & no one to wait on him is in an old house by himself wants transportation to Small Pox Hosp. Huntsville

417 J. J. Mitchell
Agt. Scottsboro Ala
Ant. Col. Mrs. Ballis Supt.

March 5 1866

Returns the complaint of Melner Walton against Mrs. M^{rs} Early. Has investigated the matter, Anderson says he never threatened to send Anderson off his land never instructed his agt. to collect \$500 from them but did instruct him to collect \$11. from them able to pay to defray tax expenses Mr. Walton failed to furnish testimony except his own statement in regard about "binding out" orphan children

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Name

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Diary.

415 J. A. Martin, Messenger
 Bot. Cal. Geo. B. Callis
 Supt. & Co

March 4th

Had the Honor a few weeks since notice from Gen W. Wayne prohibiting him from exercising jurisdiction in cases where interests of Hudson are involved. Don't know why such order was issued but is assured it was from misrepresentation of some party. Was always ready & willing to comply with all regulations invariably admitting Col^d evidence thinks his administration has given satisfaction with both white & blacks. & it is unanimously desired that he be retained. Has refrained from acting since notice wishes to continue if agreeable.

417 G. A. Tinge Capt.
 (Enclosure. Certificate)
 Ant. Cal. Geo. B. Callis
 Supt.

Report that 51 of the 56 Res N^o B^o last received were in Bad order & unfit for issue. And enclosed Certificate of Capt. Christensen Comd^y Post Insurrection to that effect.

420 Geo. O. Farrell
 Atkville
 Bot. Cal. Geo. B. Callis
 Supt.

March 4th, 1866

James containing proposition to ship & return road. Is pressed on all sides with business but considering the cause will give it his attention. Proposes the name of Mr. M. Portell as a suitable man to act. Don't know where to send Wayne for the march supplies as he did not receive word to what point they had been sent. Insurrection is the most suitable point to ship to. His address is Insurrection Co. Geo. B. White.

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421

Max Woodhull

Washington DC

Circular Letter

Feb 28 66

Calls the attention of the Bureau to the excessive amt. of Transportation issued from time to time for the transportation of Freedmen from one part of the Country to another where their services have been engaged by private individuals trunk on plantations The accompanying order instructs me to call your attention to General order No. 138. Sept 1865 A.G.O. (Copy enclosed) & to request that your order for transportation be limited to the claims indicated in that order as authorized to receive transportation where the planter is able to pay the transportation of his hands it is considered owing to the great demand for labor all over the South that he should do so. And relieve the Govt from the expense of their removal.

To Brig. Maj Gen Duane

Asst. Com.

Off Copy - resp. furnished Col. Cullis Sept 70

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A. H. Patterson

Asst. Secy

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Supt. Dist. Kentucky

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Telegraphs that Mr. Harrison Asst. Secy with 18 Wagners is at Lexington for letters for Belmont Co

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C. A. King

Asst. Secy

St. Paul Dallas

Brig. Chapt 70

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Transmits Report of issues for Feb. also No. of Contracts for Jan & Feb. Thinks he has rations sufficient for mch & apr. Finds issuing rations unpleasant business.

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424 Wilmer Watten
School teacher Stevenson Ala
To
Genl B. Callis
Brig. Col & Supt Bureau

March 11 1864

Now with greatly reduced suffering humanity by sending some rations upon the next train of Cars coming to Stevenson for me to distribute among some worthy destitute colored people who for reasons which I have not time now to specify are not allowed to draw anything of the stock now here. I think these poor colored widows & orphans are quite as much entitled to draw these rations from the Freedmen's Bureau if their skins are of dark color as the white prostitutes. While I was acting as agt. of the Bureau here I made it a rule to not give out rations to persons either white or black with whom I was not acquainted, or fully vouched for by responsible or reliable men. There are several families that need temporary assistance only. There is an association being formed for the relief of orphans & the inter destitute decauded. attended an interesting indignation meeting of colored people on account of the threat of the agent to find out as apprentices orphan children &c

425 J. Edwards agt. DeKalb Co
To
Brig. Col Genl B. Callis
Supt. R.A. & A.L.

March 1st

I informed of two or three men of the Fire eating order who refuse to make written contracts with the Freedmen working for them & use their influence to prevent others from doing so. Also asks if men that were free before the war are to be classed with Freedmen.

426 C. Cattle Jr.
Brig. Col & agt
Montgomery
To
W. J. Medley
Asst. Supt.

March 4

Telegraphs - Yes but the proclamation does not prevent a claim for damages -

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# 457	J. M. Green, agt. Insurrection To M. Henry Miller H. & S. Supt.
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March 14

Subject.

Rations for Lauderdale Co. Come all right
Lauderdale Co. Rations Card for, until delivered
to agt. O. A. Sings, wants some Beans sent with
balance of rations Has just returned from the
Country all are working well, when complaint is
made by Freedman for services performed by
them last year after the demand & I have given judgment
for the Freedman as agent, for the Employer refuses
to pay the award in that event, what course will
I pursue, this is the first case of the kind & wish
to be posted

# 458	M. H. Ingersoll A. S. Supt. Colonel
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March 16

Recd yr. in reference to Mrs. Perkins
Again Dept. requires further proof, whether
the Soldier was free at the date of
enlistment if so how long &c. Also expla-
nation under oath of the discrepancy between
her name & her husband's which is And
should you see for you can write me
the facts & I will draw an affidavit
forward for examination.

No Name Date

4294 Col. Johnson
To Col. Ellis
March 22nd 11

Subject

Circular to officers commanding troops or having detailed men in their charge at or near Huntsville Ala

Attention is called to the existing orders prescribing rules with reference to the absence of M.C. officers or privates from their camps or quarters at night

Many violations of these orders having occurred of late officers are reminded that they will be held responsible for the conduct of their men or those temporarily in their charge and for any violation of the orders referred to by such men.

By order of Col L. Johnson 44th USC
J. H. King
1st Lt. 44th USC

Official Copy furnished both Col Ellis for his information with the request to have the orders in question observed by the men on duty in Anderson Run out.

By order of Col L. Johnson 44th USC
J. H. King
1st Lt. 44th USC

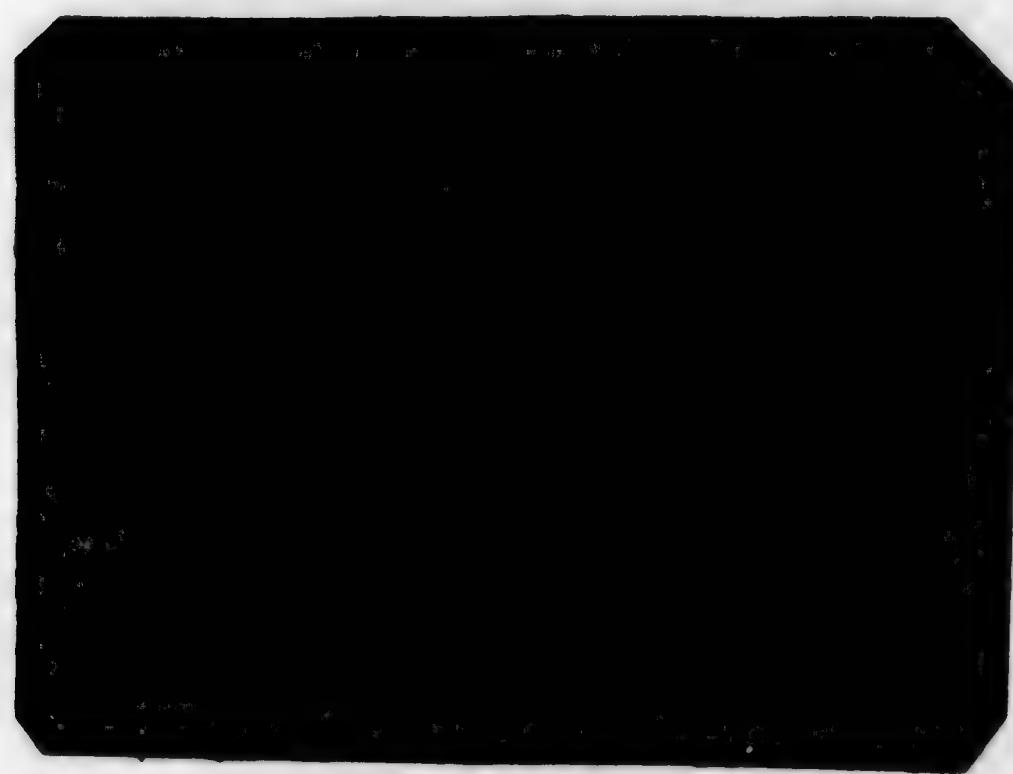
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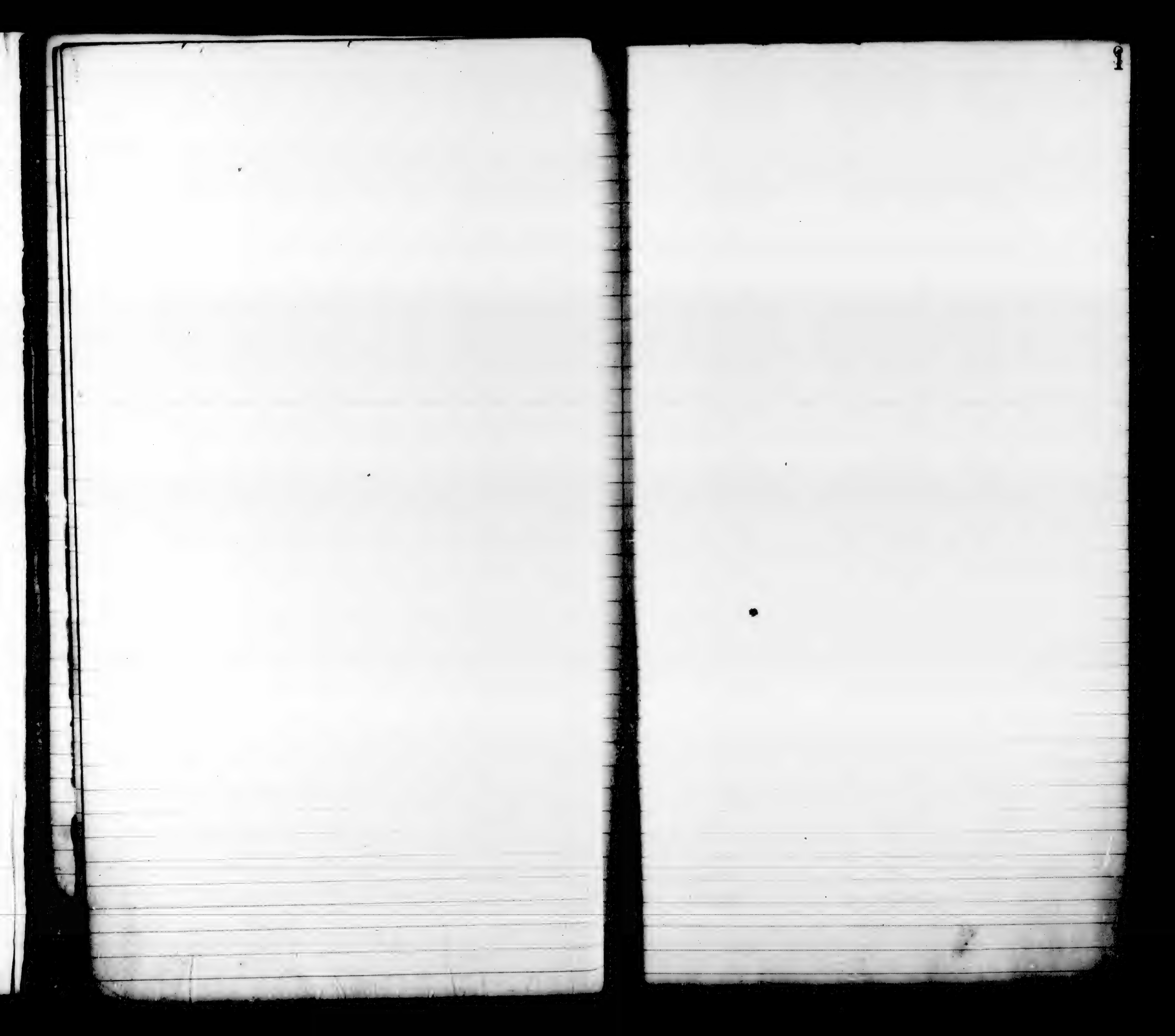
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Letters Received

No. When received

Name of writer

429 March 16th 66

J. B. Green

agt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To

Lieut. Midler, asst. Supt.

430 March 16th 66

C. A. Dingo

Ag't. Florence

To

Col. Ballis Supt. R. F. & A. L.

431 March 16th 66

A. J. Schrimsher

Sheriff

To

Lieut. Midler

Huntsville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Huntsville March 15th 1866

I have many inquiries made as to when the rations will be here for Marion County. There were two wagons here today from Winston County wanting rations and say that the people in that County are upon the point of starvation.

I can only report to them that you informed me they would be shipped as soon as you received them from Nashville.

Florence Ala March 14th 1866

We the undersigned, appointed by Capt. C. A. Dingo County agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Lauderdale County Ala to examine a lot of crackers sent to him for distribution beg leave to report that we find about fifty boxes of the same altogether unfit for use from mold & decay either the effects of age or exposure to the water.

Signed James H. Stewart M.D.

J. R. Stewart M.D.

A. H. Smith Druggist.

Capt. Dingo requests that no more Hard Bread be sent says he has sufficient to supply issues for March & April & wishes to know what disposition to make of the damaged crackers.

Sheriff's Office Huntsville Ala March 15 1866

Reports following names as all of the prisoners in his custody from this Bureau & has several that were committed by mail agent

Billy Hertz	Confined since Nov. 14 th 1865	} all colored
Frank Carter	" " Jan 11 th 66	
Emma Simpson	" " Feb 10 66	

Letters Received

No. When received Name of writer

432 March 16th 66 James F. M. Loggins
S. F. A. A. G. M.

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Dist. Col. Geo. B. Callis

Supt. F. & A. L.

433 March 17th 66 Charles J. Kipp
Surgeon U. S. Vols
Surgeon in Chief

A

Dist. Col. Geo. B. Callis

Supt. Bureau F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala

Date and purport of letter

Office A. A. 2. M. Freedmen's Bureau

Montgomery Ala March 13-66

I ship you tomorrow Clothing and Sanitary Goods as per receipt & memoranda enclosed. Please sign the receipt officially giving Agt and also date the receipt the proper date and return as soon as convenient

Your attention is called to Circular No. 31 War Dept. B. R. F. & A. L. dated Washington Dec 11th 1865 in regard to issue of Clothing.

P. S.

Issued in compliance with S. O. No. 46 off asst. Commis. State of Alabama dated Montgomery Ala March 13th 1866

Office Surgeon Chief State Ala
Bureau F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala March 18th 1866

I have this day shipped to you the below specified San. Stores viz

one Hundred & Fifty	(150) Wool Shirts
one Hundred	(100) pairs Drawers
Twentyeight	(28) Blankets
Fifty	(50) Towels

Said articles are to be distributed amongst the destitute Refugees and Freedmen of your district.

Please issue to Dr. Fitch & Legler as many of the above specified article as they may require for their patients

Letter Period

No when received

Name of writer

434 March 17. 66

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Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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 Genl. Col. Mrs. G. Callis

Supt. 10

435 March 17th 66 C. C. C. C. C.

L. A.

Bot. Col & A. A. Gen.

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Rev. Col. Geo. B. Callis

Sept 20

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Office Asst. Commr - State Ala
Bureau R.F. & A.S.

Montgomery Ala March 13th 1866

Special Orders
No 46.

No 46. Lt. James F. McGee, A.A.G.W.
will issue to Col. John B. Calles, Supr. R.F. & A.
Huntsville Ala the following articles of clothing for
Orphan Refugees and Freedmen.

One Hundred and fifty (150) Jackets

" " " " (150) Pains Pains

" " " " (150) Blankets

" " " " (150) Paris Show

By order of Robt. Maj Genl Gayne

Office Asst. Commis State Ala
Bureau A. F. & U. S.

Montgomery Ala March 13. 86

Dr. Kipp reports that you have a man in arrest for kidnapping a negro and selling him in 1863.

The proclamation of amnesty by the Governor of Ala of date Feb. 12 1866 releases this man from any penalty for this crime but the Madman State by him has a claim for damages against him.

You can therefore hear a claim of such a nature from the Freedman and decide in accordance with the facts.

I should think that the proper dam-
ages for the man to pay would be the price
he obtained for the Freedman with Costs of suit.

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

436 March 20th J. Edwards
Agt. Lick Co Ala
To
Col. Geo. B. Callis
Supt. &c

437 March 20. 11. b. Lathrop.
A. A. G.
To
Col. Callis Supt. &c

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

Rock Springs Ala
March 14th 1866.

When Trudmen have made fair and equitable contracts and those contracts have been approved and recorded, if the Trudmen should abandon his contract without cause what cause should I pursue in such a case.

Since I commenced writing your communication of the 6th inst has been handed to me. In reply I will say that I have been through issuing the rations for the month of Feb. several days. at my place. I have been waiting on the probate judge of my County, several days for a report of the rations that he has issued I hope that I will be able to forward the consolidated report in very few days. I will try and see that there is not such a delay in my reports any more.

Officer A. A. Gen.
Bureau R. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala mch. 6. 66.

Special Order
No 49.

Lt. James F. M. Gogly A. A. G. M. will transfer to Post Col. Geo. B. Callis Supt. B. R. & A. L. at Huntsville Ala

One Hundred (100) pairs of Shoes
By order of Gen. Swaine

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

438 Mch 21. 66 J. L. Common

To
Col. Lott's Japs. re

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

Athens Ala March 16. 1866

I send you report of rations & contracts the schools are just the same as my last reports with the exception of some little interruption on account of small pox which has almost entirely subsided. There are but few contracts being made now as most of the laborers have already made contracts a great many of which have not been presented to me for approval having been approved by some of P. even one of which when it does come before me as they frequently do when there is some little misunderstanding and in instances do I treat anything as a contract and make it operate as a colored man until it has been approved & registered by myself. They are finding it out now and are coming up with contracts made two months ago and I always ask if all the parties are still satisfied before approving it. It is astonishingly agreeable & encouraging how the Bureau working all over the country have much confidence they have in me and with what kindness they submit to all my advice & decisions the true secret of it is - he feels that he has some protection some guarantee that he will be dealt with fairly, though I must confess it is weak & insufficient and just in proportion as he believes that he will be dealt fairly by. Will he work & do well? let the protection of the Bureau be withdrawn & there will be no work done. I confess that I apprehend a great deal of trouble when the time comes for paying up - they are all trying to please & encourage him now the crop depends on him but let the crop be made and many a little underhanded turn will be made to disappoint him & drive him off. I have studied human nature some little and I find

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439	March 21 st 66	Stephen E. Kennasore J.P. Jackson es Ala 2 Col. Galtie. Jypt re
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Monteville Ala

Date and purport of letter

mean men & women white & black I do not apprehend trouble for myself but for my successor and for you as I believe I have your word to relieve me soon & I have been a little impatient for some time and have only done what little I have done as my duty to my country.

My letters to you are just what I think, expressed to you as my friend and as the friend of humanity, white & black hence they are all confidential and private.

Curtis Rock Jackson Co

March 20th 1866

Can you authorize me to approve contracts between whites & blacks? as the agent for this county some distance from this part of the county and being Justice of the peace for this district the community generally request me to make this inquiry.

If it meets with your approbation and instructions and law to me. Address same as heading of this note. I will refer you to Benjamin Jolley and N.B. Figures for information as regards my integrity. I am Sir &c.

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer,

440 March 23^d 1866 J. M. Green

Apt. Incumbent

J. M. Irving Middle

West Sept. 18

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Tusculum March 23^d 1866.

Shipment of rations Feb. 24th 1866 from Huntsville to me for balance of Feb. was received March 1st 1866 as follows

44 Bks. R. B. 1

44 " Herring 2750

1 Sck Rice 105

1 Brl Sugar 265

1 Bx Soap 70

7 Brls Pork 2310

11 do do 3630

58 Bks R. B. 1

2 Sck Coffee 3680

2 Brls Sugar 481

1 Bx Candles 45

1 " Soap 1

1 Sck Rice 300

They were all to me on R. B. and I took charge of them and issued in short time. Recently Captain Christensen commencing here says that the 11 Brls Pork - 58 Bks R. B. 2 Sck Coffee 2 Brls Sugar 1 Bx Candles 1 Bx Soap & 1 Sck Rice was his - What shall I do in the matter. I can let him have the Candles & Soap - Rice - Coffee & a part of the Sugar & some of the Ruman need to day I have been out of rations since last Saturday until I received the small lot today which was shipped on 17th inst. If I pay the Capt. I will have nothing left to supply them who have not yet drawn for this month - which is about 30 families. The destitution is much greater in this county than I thought when I was in your town. & is on the increase. The Cracker or R. B. was nearly all damaged lost at least half of them. 1 Brl of Pork or rather they were Beef tongues was spoiled & had to be thrown away. I am entirely out of Bread. let me hear from you again right of this.

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No	when received	Name of writer
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441 Mon 24. 1866

R. H. Price
Caymanas Gen.

To
St. H. Irving Midler
as Supt.

442 March 26th 1866 W. T. May. Judge P.C.

To
Jno R. Ballin
Supt. re

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

The claim of Wm. Rann 110th U.S. I. forwarded by you, has been read and will receive immediate attention. In many cases, in consequence of necessary reference to the records of the war department, Second Auditors office &c, delays are unavoidable, and it is impracticable for this office to reply to inquiries from claimants as a cause of delay in any particular case. This department has every disposition to expedite the settlement of all claims, and no effort will be spared to examine and adjust them at the earliest practicable moment. Resp. &c

Huntsville Marshal Co Ala
March 22nd 1866

In estimating the destitutions of this County, I am satisfied there are over two thousands persons who are physically unable to earn their own support. The Govt. issues 428 rations per day which was in February issued to over one thousand & which is now issuing for March to a greater number. There are over 1500 persons who are agriculturists & mechanics who have the means of making a surplus in the country if sustained with the means of support during the farming season, many of whom are now unable to commence farming for want of Bread & forage for animals, to remedy which - I have appointed Col James L. Sheffield as an agent to visit Huntsville & procure rations to be sold to extreme cases, requiring liens upon the crops of the recipients.

Signed -

Letters Received

No. when received

Name of writer

443 March 26. 1866

L. Johnson

Col 44th U.S.C. Com'y Post

To

Col Jno B. Ballin

Supr

March 26th 66

D. C. Furmentine

Apt. Cherokee Co

To

Col Ballin. Supr.

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Had Mrs. Rich Huntsville Ala

March 25th 1866

the no of military small pox patients make the removal of citizens from the small pox hospital utterly indispensable. You will please see that the freedmen now at that place are removed at once to some other or procure the necessary tents for their accommodation near the same place. Copy or Arrangements have this day been made with Col Johnson & furnish tent
Jno Ballin

Gadsden Cherokee Co Ala

March 18th 1866

Below I hand you report of the destitute of my County. I would have sent it sooner, but the receipt of your letter, I called on the judge of Probate to furnish me the list. I failed to get it until yesterday, which you will find enclosed. I wrote you on the 2^d day of March (incl) stating to you that I would have no report to make for issues made in February as the supplies did not reach me in time. My report for March will be forthcoming in due time. I also wrote you acknowledging the receipt of the supplies at the same time (2nd incl) but have heard nothing from you since.

Enclosure)

Whites

Freedmen

No of Male adults 651

No of Male adults 260

" " Female 1610

" " Female 462

" " Male Children 1435

" " Male Children 364

" " Female 1414

" " Female 364

I certify the above number of destitute in Cherokee Co

Wm L. J. Standiford

Letters Received

No. when received Name of sender

445 March 27 66 Helmer, Wallace,

To

Col. Jacob B. Callis

Supt. 10

446 March 27th 1866 Martin Conner
Teacher of F. Schools Florence

To

Col. Callis.

Supt. 10

Monteville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Regrets that Mr. Webb could not act as agent without compensation.

The colored people here finding that only a very few favored ones of their race could succeed in drawing rations and that orphans & other poor children who are so unfortunate as to have dark skins were threatened to be taken from school & sent out in the country to be found as apprentices.

The colored population met & organized a mutual relief association for the aid & elevation of their race. At their request I met with them & assisted. They nominated & elected suitable officers & have already a fund of 26.60 toward supporting widows orphans &c. They particularly requested me to write to Col. Callis asking permission for the distribution of rations for colored people of this station to be turned over to the women so elected at said meeting & also ask immediate answer.

Written by the request of a great many colored friends complaining that the agent at Florence demands pay for making & acknowledging contracts and thinks the agent not a very good friend to the colored man. He is keeping a country school and will report back to Supt.

Letters Received

No when received Name of writer

447 March 29th 1866 John A. Sparks

Cal. J. Phillips

Supt. Dist. Huntsville

448 March 29th 1866 M. W. Phillips

Cal. J. Phillips Supt. re

Huntsville Ala.

Date and purpose of letter

DeKalb County March 29th 1866

I would respectfully report the following breach of trust in the issue of Govt rations sent to the (DeKalb) County for distribution among the destitute Refugees & Freedmen. I would respectfully state that the agent J. Edwards is selling all the supplies sent for this County except the Bacon crackers & Salt. to defray (as he says) the expenses of hauling the supplies from the Railroad station. He proposes to turn over to me Forty Dollars worth of said supplies to liquidate an old debt that he (Edwards) owed me. I am also credibly informed that Judge Hoge Probate Judge of this (DeKalb) County is engaged in engaged in the same business with rations entrusted to him for distribution, signed re J. A. Sparks. Subscribed & sworn to before me this 29th day of March 1866 J. M. B. Davis

Athens Ga.

March 28th 1866

In reply to the endorsement on the enclosed paper I will say that I will accept the Agency for Summerton County and keep an office in Athens as you desire. I can't be in the office however every day but will appoint some certain day of each week when the office will be open and if after a trial I find I can do so I will have two days in each week. I live on the line of the Railroad eight miles north of Athens of easy & speedy access every day & would open the office any day when demanded by an emergency.

Respy re

Letter Received

No. when received Name of writer

449 March 29 Zac C. Wilson
 To Col Callis
 Supt.

450 March 28th 66 A. Worley Patterson
 To Col Callis
 Supt &c

Annalsville Ala
 Date and purpose of letter,

Killebrew Ill
 March 23rd 1866

I have the honor to inform you that private William Ransom claims for commutation of rations while a prisoner of war has been suspended until his discharge papers are forwarded. If he had written to me as instructed to do he would have known this some time ago. There are three others of his Company in the same situation Corporal Ben McDonald & privates Ben Lowry and John Swopes, their claims were filed in the month of January 1866. If these men will send their discharges to me their claims can be collected in a short time. As William Ransom has conferred with you about the matter I should like to be instructed to sign his name and draw the money on the check I did not ask it of him before for fear he should think I was trying to swindle him. You are aware that all checks are drawn payable to the order of the soldier and not to bearer. Hoping to hear from private William Ransom soon. I am &c

Office Bureau, Decatur Mich 30th 1866
 I have the honor to report that I had left on hand 1st day of March 2853 Rations, that I received during the month 4752 & 10.013 making a total 14618
 Have issued as per report 10.200
 leaving balance on hand for April 6.718
 According to my estimate will fall short 4942
 required for April 11.660
 Have the honor to be
 &c

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

1451 March 28th 66 W. W. Patterson

To

Col. Ballis Supr. &c

1452 March 29th 1866 H. C. Garrison agt for Plowm. Co

To

Col. Ballis Supr. Dist &c

Monticello Ala

Date and purport of letter

Office Agent Freedmen's Bureau

For Morgan County

Decatur March 30th 1866.

I have the honor to report that during the month of March I have approved thirty one (31) Contracts with Eighty six (86) employees at an average of twelve (12) Dollars per month for men and six (6) Dollars for women. A few of the Contracts were for a portion of the crop.

I have the pleasure of stating that quiet prevails in my County and that employers are delighted at the industry and steadiness of the Freedmen, and that everything is working harmoniously, the land is being put in excellent condition and bids fair for a large crop. I am having very little trouble with Freedmen they seem disposed to comply strictly with their Contractors and indeed planters are so agreeably disappointed at the faithfulness of the Freedmen as employees that they begin to question whether or not free labor is not better & cheaper than slave. May the undertaking prove a perfect success.

I have the honor to be &c

Office agt Bureau

Plowm. Co March 25 1866

Being appointed a sub agt. in each beat in my County I ascertained the number of destitute persons in Co. from two notes I report that there are white males 100. 10 women 602 children 1600. Col^d men 15 women 35 children 100. Total 1602. All nations daily for Apr. this is the first Census list I have been able to obtain and am surprised at its dissemination. I can send all you want I will distribute to the best of my ability. Planters are discouraging the laborers from getting crops recorded & seem to defy the military. Yours

Letters Received

No when received Name of writer

453 March 25th 1866 Charles Gibson
Probate Judge Laurens Co.

To
Col Jas R. Ballis
Sept. 15

454 Mar 30th 1866 C. S. Dudley
To
Col Jas R. Ballis
Sept. 20

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Woolton Ala March 27th 1866

The Commissioners Court of this Laurens County under instructions from Col M. H. Cruikshank Commissioner for the State of Alabama have appointed Mr. C. S. Dudley of this place, Agent for this County, to receive and distribute supplies to the indigent families. He will write you today on the subject, and it is to be hoped you and himself will perfect the arrangements for supplies at an early day, as it is at present the majority of those needing supplies live south of this point, and it is impossible for them to go to Maj Jones at Courtland. The Court has made arrangements for transportation of the supplies to different portions of the County, to be distributed by responsible men, selected by the agent for that purpose. Every effort will be made to carry out strictly the instructions from Col Cruikshank. Hoping the action of the Court may prove satisfactory.

In Endorsements Pg. 66.

J. Law & Co

Woolton Ala March 27th 1866

I have been appointed by the Commissioners Court, Agent for the County to receive and distribute supplies to the indigent families. I am ready to take charge of the business at once. You saw ship supplies to me at Hillsboro care Clark & Howell from whence I can transport them to this place. I would like you to write me on the subject in order that I may make suitable arrangements for the future supply.

Endorsements Pg. 66.

C. S. Dudley

Letters Received

No. when received Name of sender

455 Mch 29th 1866 John Bigelow.
 To
 Col. Geo B. Callis Supr &c

Huntsville Ala
 Date and purport of letter

Kousta Plantation Limestone Co. Ala
 March 27th 1866

Edward Morris (Colored), who has been convicted of high-way robbery has been working on my plantation for the past four months and has always been an upright and honest man I have known him for the past four years and never knew him to be guilty of a dishonest act. He has served his time of enlistment in the 1st US Col. faithfully and as a good Soldier. I am confident he has been perfectly accurate and beg of you in behalf of his family who are dependent on his labor for support to endeavor to procure him a pardon. You are already acquainted with the facts in his case, being present at his trial. Please present this with the evidence through the proper channel and oblige

Copy of Supr. Callis letter of transmittal
 in the Rob. Morris Case

To Maj Gen Swayne

General I have the honor to transmit herewith papers in case of State Ala vs Morris (Col.) with evidence taken in Court and findings of said Court. The papers will explain themselves, I respectfully ask that all reasonable attention be made for his pardon by his excellency the Governor of Ala. The Boy is said to be of good character by both the white & Black with whom he has heretofore been associated. Please return the papers with action noted. I have my action in the premises upon the evidence from Capt. Geo Bigelow and upon the belief that the evidence in the case does not fully sustain the charges against him as to the latter however. I send a copy for your inspection, I do not wish to bring any clash between the civil authorities & the military, but merely ask for the clemency of the Gov. in the case.

Signed &c

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No. when received

Name of writer

Monteville Ala

Date and purport of letter

State of Alabama

vs.

Benjamin (Friedman)

John Allen witness for the State sworn deposes

"That on a Sunday evening he had been up town and in going home, he was halted, and asked if he did not know that he had to pay for travelling the streets. Took hold of my arm and started down the street, told me that I must go down to Uncle Halls with him. On the way told me that I must deposit some money. Attempted to put his hand in my pocket, took my pocket, I put my hand in and took out my pocket Book. He took it, looked in it and handed it back to me. Cursing me for not having money. Took me to the door of Hall's house, then I got away from him. Henry Hays was along with me. Cross examined

It was on last Sunday night three weeks ago it was after eight o'clock I must have after I got home but did not strike the ^{Count} ~~Count~~ ^{striking} ~~striking~~. It was a dark night I think it was starlight. never saw the man before but the accused in the Pa. is the same man. He rode on the streets, walked along good naturedly, lights were burning in the house, did not try to call any one to my assistance

Mr. Palmer Policeman sworn deposes

"That the defendant is the man that he arrested and that it was three weeks ago last Monday or the 13th of March and on Blue over Coat. Hall told me his name but it was a cloudy night the Bell rang at nine o'clock that night. The Boy was much surprised when I arrested him, said he did not know anybody the night before.

Ben 2

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Name of writer

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

Henry Hall (Nat^l) Sworn deposes

That on a Sunday night I came to town his house. I came in and sat down and told some one to come in, but no one came in. I think Minis was not sober. The prisoner is the man. It was about 8 or 9 o'clock. I have known him for 20 years. It was Sunday night before last, about 10 o'clock after he left my house.

Henry Hays (Nat^l) Sworn deposes

That as he went along the street he was halted. Allen asked him for his money. I asked him because he did not have any money. Took Allen's hat & put it on his head & put his on Allen's. The prisoner is the man.

Martha Hall Sworn deposes

That she saw the prisoner on Sunday night three weeks ago. That he came to the house about 8 o'clock. I think it was Sunday night three weeks ago he stayed about an hour.

Chas. Lottant Sworn deposes

That it is about a mile or a half from Sibley's house to town.

Returning for the defense

Nathan Ferrin Sworn deposes

That he lives about a mile and a half from town. Has known Ed Ferris for two years. He came to my house about dark & Sunday morning was then when I went to bed. I was then when I got up in the morning that morning about ten. I saw him in charge of a Policeman in town & came to town from there.

Letter Received
Name of writer

No when received

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

Milly Sibly sworn deponee

That she has known Ed Morris for two years that he came to her house last Sunday night week ago from Church that he remained that he remained there until she went to bed & that she heard him & his wife talking afterwards and that she awoke in the night and heard him talking but could not tell what time it was, did not that Ed was away that night.

Lida Sibly sworn deponee (cont)

That he Ed Morris was at their house all night last Sunday night week ago that he staid with her. Ed pulled off his clothes and went to bed as usual I did not go to bed that night until late I was ironing & Ed was in the bed when I went to sleep and when I awoke in the morning.

The Charge of Judge Harman was much as such charges generally are with the exception that if they found an attempt to commit a crime on young Allen that it made no difference whether party was white or Black it was the duty of the jury remained absent for half an hour then returns & brought in a verdict of Guilty.

The Court then sentenced Ben Morris to three years in the Penitentiary

Signed

A. J. Applegate
Atty for
Defendants

Letters Received

No when received

Name of sender

456 March 30th '66

Edwin Rucker

Receiving & Disbursing officer

To

Lt. W. J. Miller

Huntsville Ala

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter,

Montgomery Ala Mch 26 1866

Sir,

I received yesterday your account current, vouchers, and accompanying letter for February, and herewith return them, as they are in their present shape, utterly useless to me.

I tried to explain fully to you what was required, but it appears, I was unsuccessful.

I again now repeat what I intended, and thought I said to you in person.

First.

Whether the payments are made by Col Ballis or myself, triplicate vouchers must be furnished me. I have to make my reports accompanied by the vouchers, to the 3rd Auditor and to Col Callock, and must keep a copy myself.

Second.

Every voucher must be signed by the officer superintending these claims in each district. In cases by Col Ballis, or the Surgeon when pertaining to the Hospital, and by the party himself.

Third.

Hereafter all claims must be paid by me or person. You say, in your letter that thirteen of the vouchers, amounting to \$347.⁴⁰/₁₀₀ have been paid. Of these thirteen - four have not been signed by Col Ballis, nor receipted by the party to whom they were paid. The six unpaid have not been signed by Col. Ballis, & so of several others.

(Continued)

Letters Received

No when received

Name of writer

Monteville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

(continued)

I dislike to give any officer trouble; but our instructions are such, that unless the papers are substantially, in the form prescribed, the accounts will be disallowed: and it is easier getting them right in the first instance, than having them returned from Washington.

I regret having to return these papers, as I cannot now get them back in time to include them in my March Settlement.

You will also remember that I have only one set of the January vouchers, until I can procure the duplicates, and triplicates. I cannot send them away.

Hereafter I hope you will be careful, before sending in vouchers, to see that they are properly signed by the officer whom duty it is to certify to them. And receipts by the party entitled to the money. They should not be signed by some other person, as in such case a power of Attorney is required to authorize such persons to sign them.

You will hardly expect me to forward the money for these claims, until I see that the vouchers are presented in such shape as will enable me to obtain a credit on them.

I will remit the balance required immediately on receipt of the proper papers.

If deemed necessary I will have to again visit your city and get all these matters settled up. And when we meet them right perhaps we can keep them so.

Respect

Edwin Rusher

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

454 March 31st 1866 J. A. Mann. Agt.

Col Ballis

Supt.

455 Apr 2nd 1866

C. A. Dinger

Col Ballis Supt.

Monteville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Monteville Ala March 30th 1866

Enclosed please find my report for the issue of rations for 30 days in the present month.

Which I hope you will find correct and satisfactory.

Please send if convenient for next month a quantity of Beans and as much Sugar and Coffee as you can spare, as I have a number sick and a prospect of many cases of Small Pox.

Monteville Ala March 30th 1866

I have the honor to enclose report of Rations issued in March 1866. The last rations sent by you have been used in full. I also enclose school report & also reports 26 Contractors for March. I think that we have plenty of rations for month of April. We are very much obliged to you for the copy of Mr. Saunders & Rice's letter he wrote to the Hon. N. A. Blow. Mr. Rice has pretended to be very sorry that the letter ever came before the public, and made great apologies to me in regard to this matter. but I am fully satisfied that he is no friend to the Bureau. I ask what I am to do in such cases as Mr. Rice & all others that resist the laws of the U. S. Govt. in regard to the Bureau for refusing to make contracts. You will find enclosed a card published by Mr. Rice in the Monteville Journal & paper published in this place. I am sorry for the poor Col. Mann if the Bureau was broken up for it is the only protection he has. There is a Col. School here who refuses to report to me, named Martin. As he gets no pay from Govt. & that he can write as good as any body & thinks he is under no obligations to report anyone without he chooses. He is a disciple of Rice and does not believe in making contracts but has no objection for getting labors. signed P. A. Dinger

Letters Received

No when received Name of writer

459 January 14th 66 C. McHartman

Cal Callis Supr.

460 Apr 2nd 66 J. E. Hennamore
Cal Callis -

Mountville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Mountville Jan. 14th 1866.

Beloved,

I have the honor to address you in behalf of the Col^d population of this place & vicinity.

During the war the Colored people running away from their masters & coming into the place. Built by the order of Mil authorities here. Then built in the rear of the house on the slopes of a rocky mountain & are now enjoying their freedom most of them working on the Railroad & others working for wages, and have a school here under the Supr^y of the Pa. Freedmen's assⁿ.

The white population here & vicinity endeavored ever since to break up the school but of course did not succeed. At last they have come to the conclusion that the only way to get rid of the school is to drive them out of house by claiming the ground. Mr. Auduson who is a wealthy man & lives near Auduson Sta. lately made the threat in the public street that he would drive all these damned niggers from that hill which hill he owns & would like to have man would build on the rocks. He was cooled down by Walter teacher school & apt Ramey & agreed to let them stay &c &c

Paint Rock Apr 1st 1866

Relief instructions in cases where parties "fly their contract" stating as above &c

All Indorsements. Page 67.

Letters Received

No when received

Name of writer

461 Jan 18th 1866

C. B. Moore

H. Irving Miller asst. Supt.

462 April 2^d 1866

J. M. Elliott

Col. Lallie Supt.

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of Letter

Huntsville Jan 17th 1866.

Your letter of 12th inst. in reply to two Communications of mine heretofore laid before the agt. at Tuscumbia was duly recd. today and I regret to say its contents and not satisfactory to Mrs. Carroll.

You say that John declares he will never again live with his wife as she is a very bad woman and that he promises to come in two weeks & take all the children except the two youngest then two with his discarded wife he proposes to leave at Mrs. Carroll.

Before proceeding further, I ask for your attention again to the Communications addressed by me to the agt. at Tuscumbia. They contain a correct statement of the facts of the case and the object was to relieve Mrs. Carroll an aged widow lady of the care and support of this colored man's helpless family and to place the burden where the law places it upon the shoulders of the husband. I am familiar with the law relation of husband to wife & parent & children, think the husband should provide for the family.

Marshall County Ala

March 21st 1866

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report & ratings issued for March.

You will see that we have spread it thinly to about nearly 1800.

Be kind enough to ship early for April and in case if possible -

J. M. Elliott.

Letters Received

to whom received Name of writer

463 Apr 2^d 1866 J. A. Elliott
Col. Ballis. Supt.

464 Mch 31. 66 Milner Maltby
Col. Ballis Supt.

X65

Kautsville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Marshall Co Mch 28th 1866

I have the honor herewith to recommend the bearer
James Mayath Esq one of our most worthy citizens and
also to beg as a favor to suffering humanity that you
render him all the assistance in your power in his
labors for the destitute of this County many of whom I
have from personal observation to be starving to death
emigration is impossible

Have the honor to be &c

Stevenson Ala March 30th 1866

The favor of 27th recd. which encouraged me very much
and long the ratons cannot be turned over to the asso-
ciation direct. I admit it would involve additional Can-
and responsibility not desirable. From recent indication it is
said that strenuous efforts will be made to break up the
colored school here as soon as the military force are
withdrawn which I understand will be done shortly.

Mr Kimball a poor colored man who is trying to make
an honest living by selling confections in a little shop
in town was waited on by Judge Colson (Bellevue)
informed that if he did not pay the State & County
venue tax \$40.25 within 5 days he would threaten
him to pay \$60.00 This may be the law in Alabama
but it is certainly very hard for such persons & he tells
me that he cannot possibly pay it.

Supt office R.R. A & A D

Kautsville Apr 2^d 1866

^{not}
I furnish this office with the information as regards private
my Moore of what Co & Capt's name Reid Moore was recruited
to place Serg. Wain & died at Nashville 1864

Letters Received

(3) to when received

Name of sender

465 Apr 30 1866

T. J. Mitchell

Cal Collins Suppt.

466 Apr 30 1866 James H. Bibb

Cal Collins Suppt.

Kautsville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Scottsboro Ala

Apr 1st 1866

Enclosed report of rations issued for the month of March & report of Contrabands. You will see by the enclosed report that I have 222 Rations on hand & the total No of rations received includes 360 rations on hand from February. I shall require about 1300 rations for the month of April.

Respect

Madison Station Apr 2nd 1866

Yours of the 30th ult. has been received. The action in the case you allude to will be stopped until I see you. I will be up soon and bring the proceedings for your investigation. I am very sorry indeed that you seem to sentence me so severely even without having a hearing from me.

I will here state that I fully recognize the equal right of Common Law with the white man & black man. After the voters of the district elected me as their magistrate it was necessary for me to take the oath of office which I did at the same time recognizing the equal rights with the white & Black man at Common Law.

As to the accused in the case alluded to not having the privilege of confronting the accuser I deny it. As theft is being almost daily or nightly occurrence. If my official acts are sustained, I would prefer not having things like with cases of that sort, or in any case relate to Freed men.

Respect

Letters Received

316 when received

Name of writer

467 Apr 30 66

Citizens of DeKalb County

To
Col. Jas. B. Calhoun

Supt Dist

Montgomery Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Alabama De Kalb Co.

March 28th 1866

The undersigned Discharged Soldiers of the United States - Refugees and Union Citizens wish to inform your honor of our condition and situation. The most of us are destitute of provisions in whole or in part and many of us have applied to Col. Edwards for rations. Men who have honorable discharges in their pockets, and men who were obliged to leave their homes & property and take refuge and protection under the United States authorities to save their lives for their union principles. We hope your honor will take into consideration our situation and see if the Country cannot have some help.

The bearer of this will inform your honor more particularly the situation of affairs

John Smith	Union Scout	J. B. Murphree	Union Citizen
Charles P. Smith	Scout	J. A. Sobel	Refugee
William Grady	Scout Citizen	John Sobel	Union Scout
Wm. Mitre	Refugee	David Besley	Citizen
Wm. R. Barry	Scout	James W. Nave	"
Alexander Graves	Dis Soldier	J. K. P. Wallace	Scout
Henry Graves	"	John T. Wallace	"
Wm. Thompson	Union Scout	George Gilbreath	Dis Soldier
Robert Sillback	Citizen	James Smith	Scout
John Sillback	Dis Soldier	Robert Smith	"
Wm. Roden	Union Scout	John Burns	"
Wm. Grady	"	B. Dewey	"
Wm. Graves	Dis Soldier	Wm. Roden	"
Wm. Ramsey	Union Citizen	John B. Roden	"
Wm. Roden	Scout	R. T. Mord	"
Wm. Mitre	"	Wm. Harrison	"
Wm. Hallis	Cit	J. Roden	"
Wm. Griffin	"	Reuben Davis	"
Wm. Freeman	"	J. Slater	"

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

468 apl 4th 1866 C. A. TingsTo
Cal. Callis Sept 1866469 apl 4th 1866

M. F. Mills

School Teacher

To

Cal. Callis Sept

470 apl 4th 1866

M. F. Mills

School Teacher

To

Cal. Callis

Muscogee Ala

Date and purport of letter

Muscogee Ala

Apr 2^d 1866

There is a Freedwoman in this County, who has five children the eldest of the children being 12 years old. Judge Benham Judge of Probate has bound them to a man in this County, without my knowledge & consent. And against their mother's will to a man whom she dislikes. This month next, me to bind them to another man, a Mr. Harrison of this County, a clever man. Judge Benham told me the law of Alabama gave the power to bind Colored Children. What must I do in the case?

Athens Ala apr 3^d 66

A few weeks ago when small pox made its appearance among the colored people of this place I engaged the service of Dr. Hoffman to vaccinate the pupils of the Freedmen's schools under my care. His charge is ten cents. South Bureau pay such acct. Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Respect

Athens Ala Apr 2^d 1866

My note & accompanying blank need have no material to be blanks but hope the (enclosed) covers the ground. It is very pleasant & promises great attainments in learning. Can you tell me whether the House I pay is for sale, also where the owner is & whether there any prospect of its being restored to him at the expense of my team. Can it be leased from the Bureau? I wish to know precisely the ground on which stand.

Letters Received

No	when received	Name of sender
471	Apr 4 th 66.	Wm. H. Hyde Capt. Houston Co. To Col. Ballis Supr.

472	Apr 3 rd 1866	Rev. Brig. Gen. Lester To Col. Ballis Supr.
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Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

Houston Houston Co Ala
March 30th 1866

Beloved, you will find my report of issue for the month of March and the amount yet on hand. You will also find the No. of rations needed for month of April. I have no report to make of Contracts made between the whites & Blacks in presentation have been made for my approval as yet. Permit me to give the reason of having a surplus of rations on hand. I failed to get transported by wagon from Decatur to Houston I assure you would I have gotten there would have been no surplus will you please ship soon advise me. Resp.

No One 40th W.B. I.

Bridgeport Ala Apr 2, 66

I wish to direct your attention to the fact that since Feb 1st I have used but pro (2) Bk. Book & seven (7) Bk. No. 10 as the shore of this place for the past two months but there is some infamous foul robbery going on I am certain. To add to the humbug Mr. Kelly sent some wretched creatures to me yesterday saying I had them. I have issued on my own responsibility our own Standard (Yoo) ration and only to those whom cases have been investigated. I am daily refusing relief to cases of possible suffering as in view of my probable ruin out, I do not feel justified in increasing my liability. To secure myself & leave some food for the worst case I require 1000 Rations. Gen. Schoyne promised me 3000 rations & will before long carry out his promises. Resp.

Letters Received

No when received

Name of writer

473 Apr 3 1866

H. A. Bascom

Col. Callis Supt.

474 Apr 5 1866 Jno. McCauley

Col. Callis

Huntsville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Washington DC Mch 29th 1866.

In answer to yours of the 19th inst. I have to say that it is not practicable for this office to make the investigation you desire relative to the claims of Mrs Smith.

She should make formal application for whatever may have been due her husband and son at the time of their deaths.

You can obtain the necessary blanks and instructions by applying to Major William Fowler of Freedmens Bureau at this place or Mr. E. B. French D. Auditor.

Major Fowler is now making claims on account of colored soldiers and I have no doubt will render all the assistance you require.

Very respectfully re

Ed.

I have the honor to be in possession of your kind communication and on your account your requests will be complied with. I will be in Huntsville in a few days when I will give you a full account of this whole matter.

I found the paper this moment where it was overlooked did not know until this moment but that you read it I hope you will excuse the delay.

Letters Received

3 to when received Name of writer

425 Apr 5th 1866 M. S. Nickersham
Col & chf Q. M.

426 Apr 5th 1866 J. E. Kennamore, J. P.
Col. Callis Supt. re

Huntsville Ala
Date and purport of letter

U. S. Mil Telegraph.

War Dept Wash to Fort 66

Col. M. S. Nickersham, Q. M. Dept.

From General Surgeon
Each Hospital tent as an absolutely necessary for
the small Pa patients. Nuts should be used however
whenever possible

By order of Q. M. General

Geo Alex. J. Barry

Col. Q. M. Dept.

Official Copy

signed M. S. Nickersham.

Point Rock Ala
Apr 5th 1866

Enclosed please find 5 Contracts I have approved as
your agt. and forward to your office for record. which
you will see are copies of the original Contracts.
I do not know that it is the proper way. You can inform
me if I have proceeded correctly. The revenue stamp
on the originals what shall I charge the parties on each
Contract the Copy marked "A" is a Boy 15 or 16 years old
and is very Artful with plow stock lazy re. and
employer is willing to work him under the Contract
bind him either. I would recommend that he
be bind him as I think it would be better for
boy what say you? I enclose my former letter to
you again for further information as I do not
understand your explanation on it. Let me hear
from you.

J. E. Kennamore

Letters Received

No when received Name of sender

444 March 22 1866 H. C. Webb

Col. Galt's Capt. &c

Kuntoville Ala

Date and purport of letter

Steaks Ala. March 22 1866

Sir,
 Yours of the 19th containing copy of Special order No. 77 March 17 1866 appointing me as Sub. Agent R. P. & A. L. for Jackson Co. &c was recd. Tuesday PM. While I am grateful for the confidence you have reposed in me by this appointment, I cannot accept it. At one time I most reluctantly gave my consent to the present request of the Union Officers then on duty at this place to accept the appointment, but since I have had opportunity to observe & see the great trouble and annoyance which Capt. McCauley has been subjected to I would not place myself in so unpleasant a situation without an adequate compensation. I am told that there are no fees except the fee of \$100 for each contract and as the contracts are in duplicate the fee does not pay for that service.

Capt. McCauley has offered to turn over to me the property records &c. but I declined to receive them, there ought to be an agent in the place but I have in my life done a goodly amount of labor of love and been poorly paid for it. And when I came South from my Northern Wisconsin home I came not to seek any office of any kind but to improve my "exchequer" by prompt and strict attention to my own business. I have a file of orders, Circulars &c from the War Dept from Genl Howard and General Swaine relating to the Freedmen Bureau and have tried to understand something of the real objects and purposes of the Bureau and the more I see and learn of its operations the more unwilling I am to take any part of administering the laws and orders thereof.

And now, having given my reasons

Letters Received

B to when received Name of writer

Monteville Ala

Date and purport of letter,
I am not accepting the position which you have tendered me
I may not be out of place to make a few suggestions for
your consideration.

It is admitted that an agent is necessary
at this place. If Capt. McCaully is wholly superseded I do
not know whom you could appoint that would be a
suitable person unless you should appoint Mr. Walter. I do not
know anything of the merits of the complaint made by
Mr. Walter against Capt. McCaully except that of his being
an agent of John Anderson. Mr. McCaully is Mr. Anderson's
agent, but since his appointment as agent of the Bureau
I do not know of his doing anything as Anderson's agent,
which has been prejudicial to the colored men. And generally
as far as I know, he has acted fairly and honestly to all.
In the distribution of rations there is an imposition on
the Government. Lazy, indolent, worthless, but strong &
aggressive persons apply for rations and tell the most awful
tale of suffering and destitution and they are princip-
ally white persons at that. Of course some tell the truth
but all act and talk as if Uncle Sam had become
a common almoner and was now willing to
stuff every stomach without regard to condition, but
by this imposition Capt. McCaully is not to blame
as well as any one who does not per-
sonally know the facts in each case and he is
even imposed upon by some of the ablest
planters who send the women & children
of the freedmen in throngs to the agent to
get rations.

As to civil jurisdiction - has the Bureau
any authority? If the cases of a civil or crim-
inal nature are all transferred to the civil
tribunals a charge administering of justice
could be made out here, where John Beaufield
is now under bonds for his appearance

Letters Received
 No. when received Name of writer

Monteville Ala

Date and purpose of letter
 Before you on 27th inst. is one of the Justices of the Peace and Capt. Ragdall the man who raised the first rebel Company in Jackson Co. is the other. Both of these men were elected on the 5th inst. by a vote of 50 odd to some 18. or 20 for two Union men.

Again as to Brigley on the rations sent here Capt. McCaully has been obliged to pay freight on two shipments & one was raised by subscription. Does the Government expect the agt. to pay freight from his own private funds and then distribute them for nothing. I should think that was not just to the agent in any view of the case.

Do not suppose because I have just discussed the question that I am willing to take the agency even for a salary. I do not want it all. As to who shall be the agent, I have nothing to say except this. very few Southern men can be found who would do justice to the freedmen and therefore no Southern man should be appointed unless he is known to be sound. the Southern man who comes nearest to the right standard is Maj Allen Lee a true Union man & one of the defeated Union Candidates for justice of the peace at the late election. Capt Boyd the present Commandant of the post here. was for awhile the agt. at Knoxville Tenn & is soundly sound. he is from Michigan. Capt. McCaully is from Penn a reliable Union man & I do not know of any complaints made against him except those referred by Walter in his letter to Gen Howard. Capt. McC. & his four sons were in the Union Army. Mr. Walter is a Penn. Quaker.

I have the honor to be

Yr. Obedt. Servt
 A. L. Nett

Letters Received

No	when received	Name of writer
498	Apr 7 th 1866	Edwin Beecher Chf disbursing officer to Col. Wallis Supt. Dist Huntsville.

Huntsville Ala
Date and purpose of letter

Montgomery Ala
Apr 2nd 1866

Sir

Yours of the 27th ult. with enclosed vouchers were received this morning. I am sorry to say that I am again under the necessity of returning them. On the 26th ult. I wrote Lt. Midler returning some vouchers and directing as clearly as I could as to what is required. That letter of course he had not read when these last were sent. Your letter says you send three vouchers of Mrs. Patterson there are duplicates of the other two there is but one each we must have triplicates. My late instructions are such that I cannot pay without them. Hence I return them that triplicates may be prepared.

It is not my intention to give you any more trouble than is absolutely necessary. As our settlements at Washington are considerably complicated I feel it my duty as well to myself as to all connected with the Bureau to see that the accounts are as near correct as possible so that there can be no frivolous objections urged against them when they reach the 3rd Auditors office. To get this business straightened up it may be necessary for me to visit your town again which I can do at any time desired and when we once get them right a little care will enable us to keep them so.

If you have not forwarded your estimate for April I can do so immediately that I may make up my consolidated estimate to forward to Washington for approval.

I have very respectfully
Edwin Beecher

Letters Received

No when received Name of writer

479 April 1866

Jno Jones

Lt. & Det. Maj. & Asst. Surgeon Co. 10th Ala. Inf.

To

Col. Jno B. Callis Supt.

Montgomery Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Office R.R. & A.C.

Montgomery Ala April 6th 1866

I have the honor to transmit herewith my return for last month, would have transmitted them sooner were it not that I have been prevented from doing so by having been engaged for the last ten or twelve days in endeavoring to prevent the spread of the small pox in the County. I have placed every plantation in this County in quarantine the freedmen are not allowed to run to towns or without the knowledge and consent of their employers. There has been quite a number of deaths during the month all of which were properly interred. The freedmen aid association which I mentioned in my last report are progressing finely and are of great assistance to me in relieving the wants of their helpless brethren. I will require about 5000 votes for this month's issue. Number more than I had hoped I would need owing to the increase of disease.

I have about twenty cases of small pox in put have all in a fair way of recovery. I am happy to state that harmony prevails and that the freedmen are doing well. I have approved of but your Contracts since my last report. I am suffering a great deal from the effects of a very mild case of scarlatina. I would be pleased to hear whether my action in placing the plantations in quarantine is approved by you or not.

I am Col most respy
your obedt servt.

Letters Received

No	when received	Name of writer
480	Apr 7 th 1866	Miss M. F. Wells Supt. School Athens Col. Ballis. Supt. Dist.

481	Apr 10 th 1866	F. S. Cramer Col. Ballis. Supt. Dist.
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Monticello Ala
Date and purpose of letter

Athens Ala. Apr 6th 1866
Your favor of the 4th inst. were recd. yesterday. Many thanks for your kind words and good wishes.

Enclosed
Please find vouchers with signature of Dr. Hoffman
Yours truly, M. F. Wells

Monticello Lawrence Co. Ala
Apr 5th 1866

I have the honor to respectfully request that, in the event of the appointment of citizen agents for the Freedmen Bureau that you appoint as agent for this (the county of Lawrence), the Hon. C. C. Guinn of Monticello. I have known Mr. Guinn since my residence here as an honorable gentleman that he is competent and qualified to know, & also think his appointment would give satisfaction to the entire County. He is an old citizen known almost every body in the County & would be enabled to do justice to all classes. Hoping you will con- the favor to appoint him as agent.

I am, Col.

Letters Received

3 No when received Name of writer

482 Apr 10th 1866 Chas. J. Kipp Surgeon in chief
 Cal. Ballin supt

483 Apr 10th 1866 Edwin Rusher
 Asst dist officer
 Cal Ballin supt

Monteville Ala

Date and purpose of letter

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
 office Surgeon in chief State
 Montgomery Ala Apr 5th 66

Circular letter

Sir

The Commissioner of the Bureau requests
 if you will promptly report to this office the number
 of your Sub Dist of destitute Refugees who are blind
 or dumb or deaf & dumb Classifying separately
 adult males and females and male & female
 children

A similar report will at once be made
 by Freedmen

I am very respy
 your obedt servt.

Chas. J. Kipp
 Surg. Gen.
 Surg in Chief.

Montgomery Ala
 Apr 5th 1866

I have recd two packages of vouchers by Express
 am quite busy but in a day or two will get
 to & arrange them and send you the balance
 money due on them.

It is probable I may visit
 your town soon

Very respy Edwin Rusher

Letters Received

No when received Name of writer

484 Apr 10th 1866 L. Beadle Jr. Bt. Col + asg
 To Col. Ballis super

485 Apr 10th 1866 H. R. Wheeler
 Lt. & asg
 To Col. Ballis Supt. &c

Monteville Ala

Date and purport of letter

officer Asst. Com.
 Bt. Col. & asg
 Montgomery Ala

Colonel,

Your application for the pardon of Morris
 (2) has been forwarded to the Gov. of Ala with
 the recommendation that it be granted

very respec

your obt. servt.
 L. Beadle Jr.
 Bt. Col & asg

Bridgeport Ala
 Apr 9th 1866

Colonel

I have the honor to report that I have up to this
 to issued to distribute white at this place fifteen
 hundred (1500) rations more than I have received
 from your department. Please send me a return
 stores covering the same

very respec

your obt. servt.
 H. R. Wheeler
 Lt. & asg

Approved

F. M. Lister
 Col & Asst. Brig Genl
 Comdg

Letters Received

No. when received Name of writer

486 Apr 10th 1866 J. T. Sparks
 apt. Schult Co
 Cal. Callis.

Monteville Ala
 Date and purpose of letter

Schult Co.

Apr 8th 1866

Belmont

I take the present opportunity to let you know the threats that have been made by Col Edwards. A man by the name of Hamblin his clerk that if I came then they would murder me on the first sight and have armed themselves this I can prove. I recd a lot of papers from you & cant execute them only by force this is information from you what I do. & I want to know exactly what course to pursue I saw Col Edwards & bought \$20- worth of Goat rations from him. & others are buying with whiskey from Hamblin his clerk. Hamblin claims to have the right to sell Goat rations. William Harris has sold him one lot of whiskey & sugar 16 barrels more but must bring it to him promptly is now gone to carry it. He get \$3.00 per Gal for it & sells Goat Bacon at 25¢ per pound. You will please ans. this by Tuesday morning mail direct your letters to Jacksonsville & I will have a course then ready to bring it through.

Respectfully
 John T. Sparks

487 Apr 11th 1866 J. H. Bibb

To
Col. Callis Sept 20

488 Apr 11th 1866 J. E. Hennamore

To
Col. Callis. Sept 20

Madison Sta

Apr 10th 1866

The rations for my district has come to hand. You will please inform me by return mail how much is due to each person. (Adults & children), and how long to last. I have nothing to be answered by
very respy

J. H. Bibb.

Saint Rock—

I would call your attention to the destitution of a widowed lady in my neighborhood with four little children whose name is Mrs. Nancy Hennamore.

If you have "here" some provisions sent to the station I think it would be carrying out the intention of the Govt. I am hear from you on the subject I believe stamp.

Very respy,

J. E. Hennamore

489 Apr 11th 66 H. Crampton St. & aac
to Col Leallie
Lupton

490 Apr 11 1866 Col. + A.A.E. C. Cade
to Col. Leallie Lupton
Det. Hanks

491 Apr 11 1866

492 " 12 1866 J. N. Green agt.
Procumbin
to Col Leallie

Head Qu. Post. Huntsville
Apr 11th 1866.

I have the honor to state that Capt. J. M.
Ellitt 44th U.S. Co. Commanding at Huntsville
also agt. of the Freedmen's Bureau for
Marshal Co. has been ordered to rejoin his
regiment at this post.

Very respectfully,

Your obedt servant

H. Crampton

St. 44th U.S. Co. aac

Montgomery Ala. April 10/66
By Telegraph from Montgomery
Release the plantation
J. M. L. Sonnell Tomstone Co. immediately. Letter
by mail

Order Book S.O. No. 11

By telegraph.

I have a vicious Freedman a
native what shall I do with him.
J. N. Green

493 April 13th 66 J. L. Coman

Agt. Bureau Athens Simonton

To

Col J. B. Wallis

Col US & Supt Dist

Athens April 1866

Salomel

I hope I will be able to see you some time next week. I have been waiting to have a talk for some time but have put it off till after the adjournment of our Court now in session. I send your ration report for month of March 1866. Contracts are now coming in pretty freely since parties have learned that I recognize none as contracts until approved and registered in my office. I have approved 50 during the month and the number of laborers are four hundred mostly large contracts the average wages \$15 for 1st class & \$10 for 2^d class I find that in large contracts the employer is more fairly dealt with and receives better wages it is to his interest to make contracts with large farmers. The school report in town is just about the same as last report. But one school in the country taught by a colored man with 72 pupils. I hope and believe that the masses in condition is improving. I believe it to be the protecting agency of the bureau altogether without the necessity for it did not exist. As to relieving me. I sincerely it as honestly as I desire to see a suitable man in my stead. I have seen your correspondence with Mr. Phillips. He is anxious to have the place but is situated 7 miles north of town and I think he would make a good agent. He is a clever well informed man. and has been to me requesting me to write you in his behalf. He says he will devote one day in the week in town and reports me to conduct to issue rations and approve contracts for him and report to him. I am willing to attend to approving contracts.

Letters Received
 No. when received Name of writer
 Comans Continued

H. 914 Apr 14th 66 Martin Comans Cal^o,
 School teacher near Florence
 No Cal Callis Supt Dist

Monteville Ala
 Date and purport of letter

him but not rations and the rations and the
 litigation of the Bureau is all that gives me any
 trouble. No man can make a good Agent without
 incurring displeasure of the whites. but I know all
 honest men think more of a man who performs
 his duties in the long run and the duties of agt.
 are to both white and colored. I merely mention the
 facts about Mr. Phillips for you to be the judge in
 the matter and for you to do as you think best
 I am satisfied he can have the rations issued
 properly and I will attend to contracts and it is
 for you to settle the matter as to inconvenience
 of his locality for litigation devoting one set day
 in the week to it in town.

I am your ad^t servt
 James L. Comans
 Agent.

Florence Apr 6th 1866

Colonel
 I am doing the best I can with my
 school but am working at great disadvantage
 have not got books enough & the people are
 too poor in most cases to pay for their schooling
 I am sorely pressed to get enough to keep
 myself & have an aged mother & an unhealthy
 wife to support also. I have divided my
 school & a part of my pupils are now under
 charge of a Col^o man about a mile & half from
 here and I want to make still an other dis-
 vision if I can get a teacher.

Very respt
 Your ad^t servt

495 Apr 14th 66 J. Edwards. Sgt. Schult. Co. Ala.
 Col. Callis Supt Dist &c

(mailed apt 2^d at Greenwood Po Ala)
 Duck Springs Ala
 March 30th 1866.

Sir

I have at last received the report of the Probate Judge of the amount of rations issued by him and forward the report of issues in the County for month of February. I have entered the total amount received and issued on the report of Whites. As I do not know whether that is right or not & wish you would instruct me in your next. A considerable amount of the bread was damaged. the rest of the stores were received in good condition. I am at a loss to know how I am to show the loss of the bread in the report and none of the other things improved. As you will see by the report the No. of indigent in this County is very large and consequently the ration is small and it is impossible to make any distinction between them. Try and reduce the No. as they are all without means of support. The rations for March & April were issued at Gadsden day before yesterday and I commenced issuing them here last night and issuing this morning. Shall probably be able to send in the report for March in 10 or 12 days. The form of report you sent is marked 1st class what am I to understand by that or do I have anything to do with 2^d class reports. I have not entered the amount of rations received & issued. I did not know whether it was necessary or not. if you will advise me of any omissions in this report. will try and have the next one right. I send in estimate for May. Hoping you will overlook the errors of this report.

Very respectfully

496 April 1866

Petitioners of the district of Vahurmasa
Springs Oregon Co.

Col. Callis Supt. Dist.

Vahurmasa Springs April 30

Col.

We your humble petitioners would respectfully request that a depot for the distribution of rations be established at this point. From the fact that the many persons that are settled & draw rations are so poor and have no means of going to Decatur 20 miles distant we would also request that Capt. Chas. D. Beckett be authorized to receive & distribute the rations to the needy in this section. Two Wagoners have just returned from Decatur without rations the capt. refusing to issue on Capt. Beckett's requisition.

We remain Gentlemen
Your humble petitioners

W. H. Lyle
Mary West
Susan M. Winter
Elizabeth Dean
Ella Johnson
Elizabeth Eckels
M. Wilson
Elizabeth C. Ryan
Fanny Louny
H. Rice
Francis Bowman
Anna Regel
Mary Smith

Marilla McIntosh
James Prince
Lae West
Joseph Thomas
Wm. C. Mayhall
Robt. Wilson
P. M. Collins
Geo. C. Good
H. Murphy
H. J. Murphy
J. McGuire
J. A. Good

1897 Apr 17th

N. N. Block

Col. Wallis.

McDonalds. in Athens Apr. 12. 1897
 received on Friday last by a nigger a note from
 you which I must call extraordinary from the fact
 of your claiming to have investigated the case of a
 certain nigger named Finley who claimed to be an agent
 of another nigger named Alfred B. B. B. or B. B.
 I don't know which read upon the statements made by the
 said nigger Finley you have seen fit to order me to
 do certain things & was graciously pleased to permit
 me to exercise my discretion as to whether I would
 do certain things. Really Sir the days of the old Roman
 quisition must be returning for certain persons clothed
 with a little brief authority are giving in
 judgement without giving the victim a chance to
 put in his plea. I had always supposed in our country
 a man was at all times and all circumstances
 allowed some kind of a hearing but I find I
 am mistaken entirely. Oh ye gods does not the
 F. B. exist & is not its decree all wise & all potent
 over all the nation shall be down & worship
 to nigger. Well, I drove off the plan & had he
 remained in the state where I could have found
 him until Monday I would have had him ar-
 rested for he is a scoundrel of the deepest dye
 which I saw from by more than a dozen
 Black witnesses but then he is a nigger & of course
 a white man's evidence has no rights which he
 is bound to respect. & no doubt the mighty F. B.
 would have interposed in his favor & if I had
 proved him guilty of grand larceny. Allow
 me to inform you Sir of one fact that you
 seem to be ignorant of & that is that as
 barbarians & savages of Louisiana & Ala-
 bama got so far civilized that we really

our new Agent of the F. B. here in the person of our
 dear & accomplished friend J. L. Roman Esq. 1820
 as I know he gives entire satisfaction to all parties.
 Consequently in the estimation of some gentlemen
 he makes a poor agent & besides the Committee
 extreme folly of hearing both sides of a case
 before he gives in his decision which of course
 is wrong for a white man has no business to tes-
 tify against the noble children of high toned
 sons of Ham. I expect to hear soon that Genl Howard
 will sever the official head of friend Roman and
 substitute one of the Blue Coated Sons of Hell
 who knows better than to spend his time in listening
 to the worthless evidence of a white man. I'll
 say no further to inform you that I made a written
 Contract with all my hands before Jan 1. 66. &
 that the said Contract is now on file in the office
 of the agt. of the F. B. at Athens Ala all properly
 stamped, cancelled & approved by the said agent.
 Further that the Alfred P. K. Pope or Pote came
 all the way from Nashville to sign the Contract for his
 minor sons Henry & James & further that having
 fully complied with all the requirements of the
 F. B. I took the responsibility of ordering the chigger
 the place & entire, disregarding ^{humanitarians} your orders. God
 bless the time when our noble President will put
 steel in the neck of these inquisitionary monsters
 of the F. B. & crush it out of existence as he crushed
 the traitling Dred by Froumull.

Respy yours &c
 A. H. Klock

498 Apr 17th 1866 Edwin Rucker
 Chief Disbursing Officer
 To
 Col. Ballis Supt Dist.

499 Apr 18th 1866 J. N. Green
 To
 Col. Ballis

Mobile Ala April 14th 1866

Sir,

I was requested rather unexpectedly to accompany Gen. Swaine here. Coming by the way of Selma. He started on Tuesday night and will not leave here before next Thursday and may then go to Memphis, if we do it will be the last of the week before I reach Montgomery. As soon as I reach I will immediately forward you the money and also some blanks which I wish you to use in future payments.

I regret this delay and will try that it shall not occur again. General Swaine intends visiting you soon after his return.

Very respectfully

Edwin Rucker,

Mobile Ala
 Apr 18th 1866

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find my receipt for Hospital Rats & Rations complete. Your claim in your favor of the 3rd inst I have sent me 15000 Rations, but I have received only the following.

4 Barks Barks (5 each) 1000 rations, 22000 rations (1000)
 2 Barks (Vanguard) 1000 rations, 3 do Molasses 1000 rations

My previous instructions were that the rations of was a ration per day and the Barks sent represent of this rate only 8000 rations. How shall I remedy the discrepancy please instruct me fully.

Yours Truly
 J. N. Green

500 Apr 20. 1866 J. A. Green agt. Macombia
To
Col. Callis Sept.

Macombia Apr 18th 1866

Col.

Complaints are frequent from the County of Marion. I send you some Beans & show you the causes. I suggest that it would be proper to send some one there to instruct the Agent of that County as to his duty to the Freeman & to his form of making report thereon.

Judge Wamble issues to about one fourth of this County, and his reports are informal & increases the labor of my office very much. I respectfully suggest that it would be better to issue the entire rations for the County at this point as the parties requiring them would come and get them at a much less cost than they can be sent to different points as it costs the County one dollar per 100 pounds transportation which can be raised to the County at but little inconvenience to the parties requiring aid. I regret to say that the destitution of this County is increasing to an alarming extent. I am required to send report of Beans at end of month, it will be very imperfect in case of length of time you & make it.

Apr 19th

I am this morning receipt of yours of 18th covering 2.00 receipt for 225 lbs of Beans & 20 lbs of Pork, also 26 lbs of Pork for Judge Wamble of Marion Co.

The total amount of rations used this year is 14,164. You advise me of the shipment of 15000 rations. You say in letter of 15th that Beans & Fish which have not been rec'd. you have not advised me of any shipment of Sugar & Coffee. I have none on hand but is much needed for the sick.

Respectfully,
J. A. Green agt.

Apr 501 Apr 21

By telegraph
Col. Liddle
To Col. Callis

502 Apr 25 66 Edwin Becker
To
Col. Callis

503 Apr 28 1866 John M. Caudy
To
Col. Callis

Montgomery Apr 21. 66
By telegraph.
Employ men, limiting the number
to actual necessity
C. Liddle Jr.
Col. & A.A.G.

Montgomery Ala
Apr 18th 1866
Sir
I have sent you today by express \$500.00, and
herewith enclose the receipt.
In haste respy
Edwin Becker

Col.

I wrote you a note by a Friedman two or
three days ago, but fearing you might not receive
it I write you again. Mr. Mitchell from some
cause (& I do not object to it) I know not what, has
designated the rations to Reg. Clarence Walton, and
Newcomer, they are all mixed up in the matter
some shape, and as yet no rations have been
issued since the 27th of last month. There are
many persons in a suffering condition, and
the appeals made to me from day to day
is of a distressing and heart rending charac-
ter. I have given away 3 Bbls of Corn meal
& 40 pounds of Mr. Anderson's ration to
them whose entreaties I was unable to

withstand. I cannot stand the state of things. I am
 now and was always willing to bear more than
 my own share to relieve the wants of my poor
 suffering fellow man. I cannot account for
 this change. My office is most cheerfully at
 your disposal. You cannot imagine anything that
 I cannot bear with a better grace than a
 slight or an insult. Col. receive my feelings
 my office is full while I am writing and I am
 compelled to hear their complaints without the
 means to relieve them. the freight on the present
 lot of rations I understand is \$800 and the
 parties to whom they are consigned refuse to
 make the advance I have receipts in my
 desk for \$25.00 paid for freight on rations
 in addition to what I have issued belonging
 to Mr. Anderson. I hope you will make a quick
 disposition of this matter. I am satisfied in
 any event so that I am permitted to leave
 this office in an honorable way. I must
 dissent against the present movement as a
 reflection on my character. I have done
 my duty to the best of my ability and
 can & will be sustained by every honorable
 and upright man in this community in
 my office as long as I hold it. I did not
 intend to say so much for I am averse to
 writing long letters. I do not think I am
 trying to find fault with you, far from it! no
 man lives who has a greater regard
 than myself for any man who has served
 his country in her day of trial.

Your most devoted

John McCauley

504 Apr 24. 66 S. E. Kinnaman

To
Col Leallis Supr

505 Apr 25 1866 S. E. Kinnaman Asst. Surgeon

To Col Leallis
Supr

Paint Rock Apr 24. 66

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the original contracts of Mead & others which you are requested to arrange in due form & send back to me. If my endorsement on them is wrong please fix it in proper shape as the parties were before me when the contract was entered into. Sorry to put you to so much trouble but hope that an opportunity may soon offer when I can reciprocate the favor.

I am Sir

Very respy yours &c
S. E. Kinnaman

Galena Apr 18th 1866

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following pkgs of Govt. stores for Steamer Clara Bell
9 Casks Bacon & 45 lbs of Pork Pick 3 Bbls Molasses
2 Bbls Vinegar 1 Bbl salt. 2 Bbls tea & 2 Bbls Rice. I have sent forward my report for each but the irregular condition of the mails it may not reach you as early as it would with proper mails. I cannot control the above supplies as the Agt. of the S. Boat Co at Rome gave written instruction to Asst. here to keep the stores until freight was paid. I have not been furnished with the funds to pay the transportation. Judge informs me that there are no funds in the treasury but advised me to sell a portion of them to pay the freight. I positively refused to do so & informed him that it would be violating instructions nor will I do so without your consent. At his request I submit the matter to you for decision.

S. E. Kinnaman

516 Apr 25 66 James L. Sheffield
 To Col. Callis
 Supt.

517 Apr 23 66 Col Edwin Becker of Dist office
 To Col. Callis Supt. Dist

Guertown Apr 24th 1866
 Sir Yours of the 20th inst. was rec'd on Sunday last
 appointing me as far as the Bureau for Marshall
 Co. I accept the appointment and have retired
 upon the discharge of my duties
 Very respy
 your atdt servt
 Jan L. Sheffield

Montgomery Apr 18. 1866
 Sir
 Enclose herewith \$560.20 to be applied as follows
 On May Vouchers 192.00
 " Mok " 338.20
 " voucher of Mrs Patton 30.00 = \$560.20
 I intend visiting your town next week and will
 then make a complete settlement of everything
 up to the close of the month.
 Very respy
 Edwin Becker

508 Apr 3rd 1866 H. W. McVay

Col. Callis
Supt.

Monroe Ala March 31. 1866

Col.

Although we have no personal acquaintance with each other still we have been engaged in the same great & good cause in putting down the rebellion, you as a U.S. & I as a Surgeon. I was in the Hospital at Nashville Tenn & quit the service last March I was born in the town of Huntsville (at which place you are now stationed) in 1809. I have done all I could for the Union Cause was arrested by the secession and kept in prison for two months was released by Genl. Brainerd who was then at Decatur Ala and by him sent within our lines. I have done as much to aid the Cause as any man South or North & for the truth of this I refer to Genl. Hugh Ewing & G. M. Dodge. They will state the same fact. I would also refer to Genl. Rocauro & Genl. Thomas and also to Col. Nickerson who is now with General Donalson at Nashville. He will state that he was the first Prov. Marshall that held forth in this place he was with Genl. Shelby he would state I was the only man in the place that treated the U.S. Officers with friendship & courtesy he visited my house several times. I now ask you to give me the Agency of the Freedmen Bureau. I do not ask the position as Surgeon I want to superintend the Streets &c that are made with the Freedmen, so that they shall have justice done them in every sense of the word. I would not ask the office were it not that I received a fall which has caused me to go on

Dutchy for the last few months, perhaps that office
 might assist me in some degree. I have lost
 most all I had by the war. Still Gen. Sherman
 giving W. Dodge say they feel sure the Govt of the U.S.
 will make restitution to me I do not know that
 I shall ask for anything as I have been true
 and loyal in every respect I do think it is just
 that I should have some office by which I could
 make at least part support. I have nothing
 to say as to the present agent. I only say he
 has a good trade & has only a wife & is a Dutch
 man. Send you his advertisement. I intend to
 Gen. Kouscan and others. I cannot get justice
 done me in this County. The secret seems to have
 it all in their hands there is one man in this
 County that has swindled me out of at least
 \$1000. he has laid a claim against the
 U.S. Govt. for prize & his name is Wm. C.
 Williams as grand a rebel as ever lived
 will you write and have my claims he has
 presented to the Govt. stopped. I would like
 you to put me as to whom to write, is
 Gen. O. Howard at Washington D.C. head
 of all the Bureau? if not who is? I
 hope you will give me the appointment
 I ask

I am your Obedt Servt
 H. W. M. Vay.

509 Apr 3rd 1866 James Dauphine

Col. Cattle
Capt.

Attn: Simons Co
Apr 3rd 1866

Colonel

I would most respectfully make application to you to succeed Mr. J. S. Coman in the agency of the Bureau for this Simons County, and I beg you to excuse me from going through the hardships you usually take with reference as long as a man's arm when very many might possibly be found in the most extreme section of the county a year or so ago.

I would simply say that I think I can fill the bill with you and the good people of the County, with whom I am not ashamed to say I am popular and take a deep interest. I have just completed & moved into a new store or warehouse that would be very suitable to store supplies in and issue from, it is only a few yards from the depot. If you deem it necessary I can name a few people in Antisville for reference whose loyalty is of the usual average in the South. I could be in my place of business every day and night.

I beg leave to refer to

Thomas Green Esq Antisville.

Very truly,

Jack Richard & Sons

Jno G. Heap Esq

J. E. Merrill Esq

& Col James Wickman

Very respy

Your obedt servt

James Dauphine

510 Apr 10th 66 W. C. Garrison agt Mount Co.

Or
Col. Castle
Sept.

Mount Co April 10th 1866

Sir,
It was not neglect the presented me reporting promptly for March. I thought my estimate for drawing would do, and I did not know that there was any report to be made on contracts. I have only approved 48. Cent. up to this time, including 1st 6. Lubbers in each Cent. If this is not a proper report on contracts you will please inform me how to make it out & I will comply.
I have not yet been able to make a report of the sick but will do so in my next report, not having thought to ask the number of sick but am sure there are several. I send you the best report I can from my light. I have been very busy organizing the Union men of my County, so as to be able to elect a Union man to fill all our County offices we have elected the most of our Justices and Baliffs Union men and are going to make a strong effort to elect a Union man for Probate Judge. I am the Union Candidate myself & would like to know if it will conflict with my duties as agt. Bureau. I have just returned from a tour over the Co, learning the condition of the destitute & the sentiments & politics of the people & inquiring after the spirit of the Rebels & find some bad cases. Hear of some saying they are going to Mexico & others say they would rather have waded knee deep in blood than have submitted & our Probate Judge asserted in Abby. that he would rather be governed by France than go back to the Union. What is to be done with such men?

Yours with great respect,

W. C. Garrison

511 apt 18. 66 Citizens of Stevenson
 To
 Col. Cattle.

Stevenson April 17th 1866

Col.

Having ascertained that Capt. Geo. M. Cattle, the Agt. of the N. P. at this place desires to resign his position as such, respectfully represent that we the undersigned Citizens have observed with pleasure his efficiency as an officer & that he has discharged his duty faithfully and honorably to the Gov. of the U.S. and to those whose interests are so committed to his care. We therefore respectfully petition that he be induced to continue in the office he now holds and thereby subserving the intention of the office and the want of the Community he represents.

Very respectfully

A. C. Austin
 Geo. H. Carpenter
 A. B. G. Foster
 A. C. Brown
 Charles Rodenburgh
 P. Edward Seall
 S. H. Catnam M.D.
 M. H. Lawson

J. O. White
 B. L. Davis
 J. P. Russell
 M. Graham M.D.
 Geo. H. Caplinger
 Allen Lea
 J. H. Gunnell
 H. C. Darling U.S. Trans. agt.

512 Apt 30 66 James Saufath
 Cal. Callie
 Sept

Athens Ala Apr 19. 1866

Col.

I have of the 17th enclosing Special order No 16 and Circular No 1. has been duly read appointed me apt for Lincoln Co. I hereby respectfully accept the appointment and shall immediately enter upon the duties of the office which I hope to be able to discharge satisfactorily to you and all parties concerned.

J. L. Corman has not yet turned over Books Paper &c but will do so tomorrow and has promised to assist me with any instructions I may need but I shall depend on Circum instructions from your head Qrs. which I shall endeavor to follow to the letter & spirit to the best of my ability.

As Edg Corman cannot now be found at all times at his office. I have thought that if you could spare Mr. Charles Stuart for a day and would let him come down at the end of the month and assist me in making out my first set of papers I would be much obliged and would pay his expenses.

Yours &c

Very Respy

Yours &c &c
 James Saufath

\$13 Apr 21, 66 W. C. Garrison. agt. Slaves.

Col. Ellis
Supt

Blountville. Apr 18th 1866

Col.

I learn that there is some Corn at, Blountville or some other point for distribution (furnished perhaps) by the Christian Commission and we would like to get it as soon as we can for our County the "Fruitful Plot" of Blount Co. such as Eldon Aldridge, Jos. Nations, Louis Copeland, Judge J. W. Moor, and others are ~~enquiries~~ anxious to get hold of it to use to their own advantage. You would do well to keep your eye on them. I enclose a note to Col. Joe Bradford from my friend Wm. Shepard. You will please enclose, and hand, to him your request for me to get along without troops if I could. I have made out so far, but see that I can do no longer. The traitors are getting more independent every day. They see that we will ~~bet~~ ^{be} them for Probate Judge on a fair race and they are trying to drive the Union men from their principles by threats and will be certain to try to drive them from the polls in the same way. They have threatened if I am elected to kill me out of the office. The Sheriff of this County told a loyal man that there would be war in Blountville in less than two months. & I am sure we can do no longer without troops unless you will allow the loyal men to kill the traitors out. The loyal men are in the majority in this County if they had a chance, but while traitors are allowed to talk and act treason in our midst they are very much discouraged. I have organized

Carter.

514 Apr 30. 66 A. W. Patterson agt. Major Co
 Col. Callis Capt.

the U.S.A. Arch all over the County and if we
 could get a little help from you we would be
 successful in all our attempts to organize our
 Co. according to the requirements of the Govt.
 please send me 20 or 30. Troops to Mountville
 by the 27th of this month so that we can have
 order on issue day and on our election day
 and you will very much oblige your sincere
 friend. Send me an answer by my wagon
 master

Trus Truly & in haste
 W. B. Garrison

Apr. 28

Acatur Apr 28th 1866

Col. I have the honor herewith to transmit my monthly
 report for April. I am sorry to say the prospects for a
 large Corn & Cotton is not so good as when I made
 my last monthly report. the cold heavy rains and
 wind have washed and baked the earth to such
 an extent a good stand of Corn or Cotton will
 not be had and it is impossible to replace
 as the Cotton seed is not in the Country
 I am pleased to report the continuation of
 good behavior of the freedmen of my County
 all are cheerfully at work and peace
 and quiet prevail. The number of the destitute
 of this County continues to increase and
 will do so until the new Corn crop comes
 in

I am very respy
 Yr. obedt servt
 A. W. Patterson
 agt. Major Co

Contm.

514 Apr 30. 66 A. W. Patterson agt. Morgan Co
Col. Callis Capt.

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H. B. Gainer
Agt. P. O.

Secretary Apr 28th 1866

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as the Cotton seed is not in the Country
I am pleased to report the continuation of
good behavior of the freedmen of my County
all are cheerfully at work and peace
and quiet prevail. The members of the Institute
of this County continues to increase and
will do so until the new Corn Crop comes
in

I am very respt
Yours and st servt
A. W. Patterson
Agt. Morgan Co

515 Apr 3. 66 A. W. Patterson Agh. Murray Co.
 Col. Callis Supt.

516 May 2. 66 C. A. King Agh. Merced
 Col. Callis Supt.

517 May 2. 66 W. H. Hyde Agh. Minster Co.
 Col. Callis Supt.

Location Apr 28th 1866
 Col. I have the honor to report that during
 the month of April I have approved (144)
 Fortification Contracts with 31 employees at
 an average of \$12 per month for men &
 6.50 for women.
 Very Resp.
 Your obedt. Servt.
 A. W. Patterson

Alameda May 1st 1866
 Col. Enclosed I send you my monthly reports of
 schools & Rations. Everything is quiet at King farm.
 Rev. S. Larkin left here this morning for Arcadia
 having a complete success here & I think will
 have success there. Mr. Sidney says he will
 send you a copy of our paper. Nothing more
 at present but remain your truly,
 C. A. King

Koneta Apr 30th 1866
 Col. Enclosed you will find my report of
 issues of Apr. I will need 10260 rations
 for the month of May I have not approved
 any Contracts between white and black
 no applications having been made
 very Resp.
 W. H. Hyde

518 May 2. 66 W. H. Hyde aq. Kingston Co

Cal. Callis. Capt.

Kingston Kingston Co April 30. 66

Sir
After prospects &c today I learn that some few of the people of Kingston Co have complained to you of my neglect of duty to my office. Permit me to assure you that I have used my best exertions the supplies due Kingston Co shipped to my office and have partially failed. Do the people who complain suppose that I can carry them on my back. I have no compelling power vested in me to impress wages and make men work whether they will or no. I have done all that I could do to get my nation shipped for I know the people are in great need and owing to the scarcity of grain in my Co. and the severity of the winter the greater portion of our stock has been unable to work and I am sure if you knew the general condition of the people as well as I do you would be quite well satisfied. I have acted in good faith in all that I have done relative to the case. Gen G. D. Spencer I have no doubt will satisfy you as to condition of the Co. For reference whether I have done all I could please consult Col C. C. Shuts P. H. Allright Capt S. P. Hinds & in short every public man in my Co two thirds of the names I have given were officers in the Federal army. I cannot please every person. the saviour of the world could not. & of course man can not.

Very respec

W. H. Hyde

519 May 4. 66 Col Edwin Beecher
 To Col Callis Supt.

Montgomery Ala Apr 30th 1866

Dear Sir

I send enclosed \$397.⁷⁵ to be applied as follows viz

on a/c Current Balance	146.00
Dr Eng	91.00
Dr Hitch	97.50
" " Expenses on Garden	9.25
Employees at Hospital	56.00
	<u>397.⁷⁵</u>

I believe this includes all the accounts but may have overlooked some, as I am very busy getting up my accounts and have not much time to examine closely

I returned yesterday by mail your pay a/c please make the change suggested and return to me as soon as convenient. Also advise me of receipt of this

In haste
 Truly yours
 Edwin Beecher

520 May 4. 66 Maj Jones

Col Calkins Capt.

Courtland Laurens Co Ala
May 4th 1866

Dr Cal

Your welcome letter came to hand in due time. I would have written to you on Sunday last but was interested in a little knock down and drag out arrangement which prevented me from doing so. All is now quiet on the Courtland line and I have my report ready and will go to Huntsville tomorrow night, will be accompanied by Mr. Bynum and Dr. Sykes both clever & good union citizens both are desirous of cultivating your acquaintance and will take the opportunity of going with me for that purpose. I am glad that old spiritualism has gone.

All is to pay at Memphis. Don't you wish that the old 7th was still in bloom at the scene I have much to say to you of affairs here and will try & give all the news on Sunday. My kind regards to all.

I am very respec

your obdt servt.

Jos Jones

531 May 5. 1866 Jno. A. Green Agt. Providence
 To
 Col. Callis Capt.

532 May 5. 1866 T. J. Mitchell
 To
 Col. Callis

Providence Ala May 3. 1866

Dr. Sir.

Enclosed please find my report of contracts for the month of April. On the first I had the pleasure of sending my report of issued rations all of which I hope will give satisfaction. I have reported on hand 1500 rations which I account for having left in consequence of the recent flood preventing applicants from reaching this point only I would have had a ration on hand, & even then the dietitah would not have been well supplied.

I have the honor to be

Jno A. Green

Providence Ala May 4th 1866

Col.

I received your favor of the 3rd inst. requesting me to go to Stevenson and try to get some man at that place to issue rations, who is not connected with either Hatten or M^cCauley. I was there some time since and I find it a very hard matter to get such a man to take rations & tend to them. Though I have got Mr. C. Whitney who will go to Stevenson in a few days until we can ascertain who will do though I believe we will never do better than to keep M^cCauley as I think he wishes to do what is right. Also I send you my report of issues of rations for the month of April which I hope will be satisfactory. As to the report of the deaf & dumb &c I will have to take longer time to make

Mitchell Continued

the report anything like correct. I saw a few days since a letter which had been sent to you written by Cook, Fless, Guthrie & others waiting to know if two or three months rations would be issued them so that they could live. Now Cal I never saw Mr. Cook but was told he was in the 15th Army Corps at this place & when the Corps left he stood back, don't say that he deserted but some think he kind of stuck back & has been lurking around there ever since, but I am acquainted with all the others & they are all hale & hearty fellows & were never in the Federal service but were running over the country with a noted rebel Bill Carter & saw George L. & saw all chop from 10/2 to 2 cords of wood each per day, but there are foolish remarks & I will show them. This ration business gives a great many lazy people trouble & pain but I never was anxious for the office of the Bureau owing my inability, but through the solicitation of Goodfellow & C.O. Whitney I did accept the Co. Agency.

You must excuse me Cal for I am not much of a hand to write but my motto is to go ahead & do justice to all in my power.

have the honor to be
your humble servant
T. J. Mitchell
Capt. R.R. & A.C.

523 May 4th 1868 Edwin Beecher,
 San Francisco
 519 Paul J. Blacas

Montgomery Ala April 30th 1868
 Dr Sir
 I send enclosed \$ 399.75 to be applied
 as follows viz.
 on Account Current (balance) 146.00
 Dr Prof 91.00
 Dr Fitch 97.50
 Dr " for expenses of garden 925
 Employees at Hospital 56.00
 \$ 399.75

I believe this includes all the accounts, but may
 have overlooked some, as I am very busy getting up
 my accounts, and have not much time to exam-
 -ine closely.

I returned yesterday by mail, your flag
 accounts. Please make the change suggested
 and return to me as soon as convenient. Also
 advise me of receipt of this

Truly Yours
 Edwin Beecher.

524 May 6. 66 Maj Jones

Col. Callis

Countland May 4. 66

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report of rations received & issued to the Institute of this Co for the month of April 1866. I rec'd 9000 rations for the month with 4765 on hand from last month, making in all 13765 rations all of which I have issued according to order. The increase has been occasioned by the unusual amount of small jobs in the County Heads of families have been taken with it thus throwing themselves & families on the Bureau for support. I am now happy to state however that the disease has about disappeared from this Co & that there have been but a few fatal cases during the month of April. I know of no serious cases at present and hope to be able during the present month to rid the feet houses of all convalescents & set them to work. I have approved of no contracts during the month but there are quite a number scattered throughout the Co. who will come in as soon as the labor can be spared from the crop. The Freedmen's aid society which I have established here have been of great assistance to me during the month and it gives me pleasure to assure you that the society has become an institution in itself and at all times ready & willing to aid their fellow being & stands today on an eminent, their power. With the exception of a few drunken brawl which in such cases I have taken immediate & decisive action harmony and

525 May 8. 66 Chas. J. Kipp
to Col. Callis

good feeling prevails. I am more pleased to state that the prospects of the Bureau the present year are flattering there is scarcely a plantation in the country that has not secured a good stand of Cotton and corn. I have been to Nashville, and thru the Supt. of the Freed School there, have arranged to procure a lot of school books from Cincinnati and I am confident in stating that a school will be established during the present month in this County.

I am Col. most respy,
your obt. servt
Chas. J. Kipp

Montgomery May 3^d 1866

Sir

The reports of the number of blind, deaf & dumb in your sub district called for in circular letter of Apr 5. 66 from this office have not been recd. Please forward them with as little delay as possible.

Very respy

your obt. servt
Chas. J. Kipp

526 May 8. 66 Wm Fowler to Cal

to Col Ballis

527 May 8. 66 J. B. Rapdale to

Col Ballis

Washington D.C. Apr 30. 1866

Cal

I have the honor to enclose your communication to 2^d Auditor Treasury, asking information in the claim of Chedda King, together with letter from that office, both of which communications have been referred to this office.

All claims of negroes for pay, bounty &c, should be forwarded to this office through the Asst. Commissioner of State.

I am Sir

Very respectfully your obdt servant

Wm Fowler
A.A.

Memorandum May 5. 66

Sir

I would not intrude upon your valuable time by troubling you with any communication from myself, but justice to a gentleman who I consider has been very unjustly impeached demands an explanation to you from myself. On Friday the 27th ult. I was called upon by John M. Cauley, Asst. Freedmen Bureau at the office to attend at his office in connection with his Cloud Exp. & Maj Allen Sia at the distribution of rations and detourism who were not the proper recipients of the same. Mr. Wm Jackson from upper Cross Creek was also present.

After assembling of the crowd who were waiting for rations both white & black Mr. M. Cauley read from

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of instructions to them & informed the assembly that he should be governed by those instructions to the letter.

He then proceeded to call them in one at a time and referred each one to the committee above mentioned to decide whether or not they were entitled to draw and he issued to no white persons only as were recommended by that committee many of the blacks were refugees from other parts of the country and known better to himself than the committee he issued to them without the decision of the committee and to be frank I did not take part in deciding upon the merits or demerit of the colored people, but left it entirely to the other gentlemen of the committee.

To me Mr. Ellis is more impressed with the necessity of educating the negroes than I am since they have been freed. It is an imperative necessity since without education they are incapable successfully of maintaining the rights and privileges of freemen. Among those with whom their lot is cast.

In conclusion I permit me to say according to my judgment no man can be found in this community who will discharge the duties of the of Bureau more conscientiously & impartially than John M. Wade.

I remain with every respect
J. D. Rapdale

No. when recd. Name of writer
 528 May 7th 66 James Sanforth agt. Limestone Co.
 Col. Callis.

Date and (purpose of Letter) Athens May 6. 66

Col.

Neworth I send you my report of the Limestone Agency of Limestone Co. for the month of April and I hope you will excuse any inaccuracy or short comings of the report. As I was not aware that it was my duty to make out a report for the month of April having read the appointment so short a time since also the data which I had at Command was very insufficient. However I hope in future to have that systematic arrangement completed so as to make a more elaborate & satisfactory report. With regard to the Colored Schools in this County, Altho I have not yet had time to visit them. I can say from observation that they are in a very flourishing condition. The school at the place under the supervision of Miss Wells seems to be largely attended and by questioning some of the pupils I find them somewhat advanced in the ordinary branches of education. English Grammar & Geography & Arithmetic are being successfully learned by some of them.

With regard to the ordinary condition of the Freedmen in this County I can say that a large majority of them have loyal hearts and are well satisfied and cheerful. They all seem to be well treated by their employers whom all seem to properly appreciate. As the condition of the Freedman I am now making every effort to harmonize the interest of the Freedmen with that of the white citizen and shall continue to labor for the attainment of peace & prosperity to all concerned.

I am Col very respectfully
 your obedt Servt.

10 When recd Name of writer
 524 May 10 1866 M. H. Crankshaw
 Col. Callis

Date and purpose of Letter.

Palladega May 3 1866

Sir You have doubtless been advised of the increase in the estimate for supplies under Gen Swain's requisition for the present month and also of the apportionment to the several Counties in your dist. I have written letters to the probate judges of the several Counties advising them of the increased estimate for supplies &c. The mail facilities are so poor however that I fear many of them may not receive the information within any reasonable time they will almost certainly all upon you or some of your officers for relief for the month and I write for the purpose of requesting that you will do me the favor of advising the judges through their agents of the extent of the increase in the estimate of rations for their respective Counties. It was my intention to visit North Alabama during the present month but I learn that the arrangements for distribution of rations are working so much better in your district than many other portions of the State that I may defer my visit for a time. I should be very much pleased to receive a letter from you & to learn the quantity of rations that have been issued to the several Counties in your dist with such other information as is desirable. Future supply &c. as may suggest itself to you. If you can find leisure to write me such a letter I should esteem it a favor.

Very respy your abdt servt
 M. H. Crankshaw

530 May 10th 66 Capt. Thomas Kennedy
 Col. Callis.

531 May 11. 66 Wilmer Walton
 Col. Callis
 Supt.

Huntsville Feb. 6. 66

Sir
 I have the honor to state in compliance with
 your request that Private John O'Neil was en-
 rolled in G. Co. 110th U.S.C. Jan 15th 1864
 last paid by Maj. Austin to include Oct. 31 1865
 Clothing &c last settled to include Jan'y 31 1865.
 Total money value of Clothing drawn since
 last settlement 104.38
 Died in Genl. Hosp. of Pneumonia at Huntsville
 Ala Dec. 6. 1865
 Final statements rendered to A. G. Washington Dec
 5th 1865

Believe me very respectfully
 your obedt servant
 Thomas Kennedy
 Capt. Co. G. 110th U.S.C. Infy

Stamerson Ala May 5. 1866

Col
 I herewith hastily inclose our school report
 for last month.
 Please excuse the delay in sending
 them as I have been very busy lately.
 Very respectfully
 your obedt servant
 Wilmer Walton

532 May 11 66 James Sanforth

To
Cal. Collis
Shipt.

Albany May 10th 1866

Cal.

The supplies for May have been recd all in good order & condition.

I beg leave to state that no blank form for blind deaf dumb or has been recd by me. In fact no blank form of any description.

I can further state that I was not apt on the 10th ult. and that no paper to which you call my attention has been recd by me. I had no data only my own observation for a few days nor any instruction by which to make out the April report.

I know of no deaf dumb or blind destitutes in Limestone Co except those included in my May report.

Very respy.

James Sanforth

533 May 11. 1866. T. J. Mitchell agt. Scuttsboro
 Cal. Scutts

Scuttsboro. May 10. 1866

Sir,

I went to Stearns on Monday the 9th inst by request of you & McCauley, while there we met Mr. Mitchell from Nashville who is Supt of schools and we went to work to try & settle matters that existed between Walter & McCauley, which I think is now settled for even Mr. Walter withdrew all his charges made in his two letters to you, against Mr. McCauley after which McCauley proposed to resign his office, but there could not be a man found who would have it. So I prevailed on McCauley to continue until there could be a man found suitable to take the charge. The respectable citizens say as far as they have seen, they know McCauley did his duty in the distribution of rations, &c. I have taken great pains to find out the really despicable in his conduct both white & black. Walter was really to blame & I believe McCauley will do his duty. There was an assault committed on Walter by Mr. Masby who struck him on the head. Masby was drunk & from what I can learn is a very bad man when drinking he afterwards got in a fight with a Col^d woman & struck her with something this all occurred at night & it being on the day of election & so many were drunk that we thought best not to arrest Masby at the time as there were fears of a riot which no doubt would have occurred if Masby were in the town between Stearns & Huntsville & all parties that had to wait a few days & then have him arrested at Stearns. Hoping you will be satisfied with this account.

1 Enclosure

Truman very respectfully
 T. J. Mitchell

534 May 12. 66 John A Green Agt. Tuscumbea
 To Col Callis Supt.

Tuscumbea May 11. 66

Sir

Yesterday too late to answer by that days
 mail I recd a dispatch, stating that you
 would ship me cattle for my rations.

Sir I hope you will reconsider the matter
 as I have no means of taking care of them
 in pasture. & beside I would have to put
 an agt in at least each civil district
 in the Co. about 20 in all and now
 could get reports from them. & they would
 have to be slaughtered at least once a week
 & the Indians would lose their rations in case
 of warm weather.

The law was I spoke to
 you about between J. H. Nelson & several Indians
 has been settled they sent me the money
 & I have paid it over to proper parties.
 Considerable Complaint is being lodged here
 in relation to ^{camping} ~~settling~~ Indians fire arms in
 the Gulf where they work & annoying the
 neighborhood generally by shooting on the
 sabbath &c. Please let me hear from you

Very respy

J. A. Green
 Agent. Br

MS May 12. W. M. L. Webb to
 Cal. Collis.

Shrewsbury May 11. 1866

Sir
 On the other half of this sheet I have given you a
 correct copy of Contract between one H. H. Hunt
 a Hunter and Ambrose Harris a freedman
 Hunt has turned off Ambrose & refuses to fulfill
 his part of the Contract Ambrose went on the
 place about Christmas was there at date of
 Contract and remained there until about April
 15. Hunt not only refuses to fulfill the Cont.
 but refuses to pay Ambrose for his work while
 he was there or to pay damages for breaking
 his Contract. Suppose Ambrose sues him as he
 may in the Civil Courts. The justices of the
 peace will hold that the stay law enacted
 by legislation last winter, applies alike to all civil
 actions & by reason thereof the delay and trouble
 will be more than the amount recovered.
 Now what is to be done? it is true that the stay
 law exists & the supreme Court has not pro-
 nounced it unconstitutional; hence the justices
 are bound to regard it as the law of the State.
 They do not refuse to take cognizance of the case
 nor to administer the law, in the same manner
 as if both parties were white but the law
 itself as it stands, is equivalent to a denial
 of justice. What, then? Do the Bureau gentlemen
 hold a Court? to hear & try the case
 according to established rules of equity & justice
 if so how is it to secure the review of its process
 how supra its judgments? Can you issue some
 specific, or general instructions applicable
 to cases of this nature prescribing rules
 for the guidance & government of all

Colony

Cases or actions & require a transcript of the whole proceedings. Complaint, process, return, testimony, judgment &c &c, sent to your office. I do not write to you to find fault with anybody or anything, but I am forced to death almost by persons who are asking for redress & do not know how, or what to advise them.

I wish you would come here. It is, my judgment, that your presence & counsel would be productive of much good far more than any result from any letters, reports, or matter of that nature.

There was a little my attempted here on the eve of the 4th (Monday). I do not know the offender nor even his name but Capt. McCauley tells me that he is going to report the matter to you and have you arrest the offender & try him at Huntsville. I hope this will not be done. If he is to be arrested & tried anywhere let it be done here & then all will know why & by whom it is done. If you cause it to be done at Huntsville the blame will most certainly be put on some innocent northern here. If you were here I could tell you some things that better may go on paper.

Please enclose so much of this letter as relates to the case of Hunt & Harris. This I have read to Capt. McCauley & he says that Hunt is willing to settle with Auburn. Auburn told me that Hunt said he would settle when he got ready & produced the Cont. of which I secured copies him with Regal has not furnished the team nor utensils. For a breach of this cont. the law rightly administered not 10, 12, or 15 dollars per month, but adequate compensation for loss & injury sustained by being deprived of its benefits.

Very respectfully,
Wm. Hall

S36. May 12. 66.

Maj Gen Jones

Bt. Brig. Genl. Col. Callis.

Fortland May 11. 1866

General I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of blind deaf dumb &c in the County they are all that I know of or have ascertained up to this time. I omitted to enclose it with my reports. will mail you my cash statement tomorrow

Can you send me some old cloths?

I am Genl.

Very respy

your

Jas Jones

Lt. & Bt. Maj.

537 May 14. 66

J. V. Sheffield

Cal. Callis

Centerville May 8. 1866

Col.

Enclosed please find report of blind re-
them are none of that class, of dependants
in My County that I am aware of.
The rations for them are very much needed
& will be very thankfull for them at an
early day

You have doubtless heard of the
killing of one Knight perhaps you have
heard it differently from the facts. I was
an eye witness & did what I could to pre-
vent it. Knight got drunk early in the day
of election (Monday) & was very boisterous
proclaiming frequently aloud that he would
whip any d-d rebel & went out
& several of his neighbors & requested
them to try & quiet him. he told them
that he would beat any of them & as
soon as they would leave him he would
be as boisterous as ever. In the afternoon
he tells me Mr Allen that he was a d-d
rebel & Allen struck him. Knight made an
effort to draw his pistol when Kap Bland a
friend of Allen told him if he drew his
pistol he would shoot him. Allen & Knight
commenced throwing rocks at each other
Knight threw & ran & Allen after him. After
Allen had run 50 or 60 yards turning &
throwing as he ran. he turned & drew his
pistol & started toward Allen. Beard was
near Allen & shot at Knight the Ball
taking effect in the left groin whereupon
Knight turned & ran off. Beard firing

538 May 15.

J. H. McNamee

Cal. Callie

Supt.

at him as he ran & hit Knight below the
left shoulder blade Knight ran about
100 yards & fell & died in a few moments
Beard in my left the place then see
the facts of the case. I am satisfied that
it would not have occurred had the
party been all sober. All citizens regret
it. I would like to hear from you.

Very truly,

J. L. Sheffield

Blountsville May 11/68

Sir,
I am induced to write you on the subject
of the returns for this County for the reason that
I have been informed that Mr. Hanna left
this place on the appointment of Mr. Ellis as
agt. very much displeased. I reacted before sub-
mitting the matter to the Commissioners until
after the election for Justice Judge of the reason
that Mr. H. was a candidate for that office
against me and I knew he would consider
it an act of unbecoming toward him as he
was opposing me. Mr. H. could not see how
a Commissioners Court. Could interfere
in the action of a W. W. Mail Office. Please
to me the favor to inform Mr. H. that such
was not the case. merely did what was
required of it by Mr. Crickbank. Mr. H.
never even signified his willingness or giving
consent to act as agt. under Civil author-
ity. I am led to think that he is laboring under
the impression that there was some political
feeling which is not the case. Have notified
about of his appointment please write by some
of the trustees or send direct. J. H. McNamee

539 May 14, 66 J. H. Moore

To
Leah Callis
Sept.

Blountville Ala May 9, 1866

Sir

I herewith transmit the action of Commissioners Court in the Appointment of Hon R. Ellis as Agent for the receipt of the supplies for Blount Co. Please inform Mr Garrison as to the legitimate authority of the Court as well as its duty to make such appointments, Hoping to hear from you by the bearer here of I have the honor to remain

Your obt. Servant

J. H. Moore

Probate Judge.

Corn. Court Roads & Revenue, Blount Co Ala
Special term May 8, 1866

It is ordered by the Court that Rensen Ellis be and he is hereby appointed as Agent for Blount County to receive and distribute the rations allowed the County by an arrangement between the State of Ala. and the United States, and that M. H. Cruikshank, the Commissioner for Ala. be forthwith notified of said appointment.

State of Alabama }
Blount County }

I, J. H. Moore Probate Judge for said County hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Appointment by the Commissioners Court as the same stands recorded in this office.

Given under my hand & the seal of the Probate Court of Blount County this 9th day of May, 1866

J. H. Moore
Judge of Probate & Ex officio Judge of the
Court for Blount Co Ala.

540 May 15, 1866

John M. McKim
To Mr. J. J. J. J.
for Col. Callis

541 May 15, 1866

E. M. Meare

To

Col. Callis

Supt.

Hazel Green Alabama
May 15, 1866

The boy in the employment of Dr. Burke was raised from the time he was three (3) months old by my wife. He was given to my wife by his mother who died when the boy was that age, and just before her death she requested of my wife to raise him which she did.

Respectfully

John M. McKim

The boy was bound for this year by consent of my wife to Messrs Burke & Sanders

Florence Ala May 14, 1866

Kind Sir:

Though not having the pleasure of an introduction I still feel as though you were no stranger to me. Pardon forwardness, as it is a family concern. There is an error or wrong growing up here and I would ask you as a friend to impartial parties to nip it in the bud.

There are two freshmen teaching at schools in the County near this place who cannot read well in McChesney's Third Reader and others are to be started this morning with less qualifications. If this is continued there will be a great harm done. As badly as I would like to teach these people, let them be of use or none at all. Could you not empower the Agent of this place Mr. Trigg, a very worthy gentle man, with the power to examine these teachers and if they can read & write let them continue, if not to stop them. We cannot not let the world think these people cannot learn or improve for their own good. Please attend to this at once. (My warmest love to the Chaplain)

And Miss Mrs. J. J. J.

522 May 16, 1866

J. M. Jackson

To

Col. Cullis

Supt.

543 May 16th 1866

C. G. Black

To

Col. Cullis

Guntersville Ala. May 19. 1866

When the Troops in Command of Capt J. H. Elliott were stationed here I was employed by him as their Physician & Surgeon. My wife was furnished him at \$4 8⁰⁰ which he said would be arranged for me. To obtain the money at Huntsville, but did not do it - As I am informed through Mr W. Deonan who saw you at my request to ascertain what was necessary for me to do in the event Capt Elliott omitted attending to it. By the operations of hostilities existing in the Country during the rebellion my entire efforts were destroyed, reducing me to almost absolute want. I have no means of a livelihood save my profession, and can buy medicines only as I send them & did so for your Troops. Will you be so kind as to inform me how I shall proceed to obtain the money for my medicines & services? In so doing you will confer a favor and oblige.

Your most Obedt Servt
J. M. Jackson

Plantation May 12th 1866

Dear Sirs-

Will you be so kind as to come to my place today or tomorrow? My hands are beyond my control. Yesterday all men but four refused to take care of mules - would not even feed them - Saturday even did not get back to work on time by a long ways. This morning I called them to work at 5 minutes before 6 o'clock. The first hand got to work 8 minutes after 6 o'clock the last one (with the exception of two that went away yesterday without my knowledge have not returned yet. They are keeping the mules idle) to work 11 minutes after 7 o'clock. I can't get but part at work at a time. They are all the time swearing this is worse than Reuben's. This won't do for free niggers. And without your assistance I am gone up the spout. Yours truly J. M. Jackson

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May 16, 1866

J. Walter Elliott

To

Leah Teall's

Supt

525

May 16, 1866

Martin Connor

To

Leah Teall's

North Madison Ind

May 7, 1866

Leah

Your very kind & welcome favor of the 1st inst. was awaiting me on my arrival. I enclose Ten (10) Dollars, not that I don't need it, but because I always pay my debts. I have half a mind to go down there soon to see what can be done toward making a living. Perhaps even a negro mathematician.

Has he been engaged yet? What are the prospects? Where is Leeson - I bruise my health with fairs. I am at home on the sober.

Very respectfully

J. Walter Elliott

Florence, Ind May 9, 1866

Mr Teall's

Dear Sir,

As I wrote to you some time ago and did not get an answer. I thought you did not get the letter. And I know right to you again to inform you about the schools here in the country where I stay. I wrote to you that the new town but now Jackson have left the school for the want of money to buy meat & bread and is gone to Baiting Springs and that school has gone down but the one I keep is still going ahead but I have but 18 scholars for the last not get books and she had to stop and I don't expect to keep any longer than July if she don't make some way to pay me some money. As I have to get meat and bread too & 4 in family and one hundred dollars to pay for the house I live in but I will try to the best I can as long as I can keep and learn them as much as I can for the need a great deal of learning. I wish to hear from you as soon as I can and I remain yours respectfully

Martin Connor

546 May 16/1861 John M. Canley
To Col Wallis

Leal

Stevenson Ala (No date)

I have the honor to make the following report. On the evening for which the investigation was being conducted and immediately after the adjournment, a drunken roudy by the name of McBea came into the room and without any provocation struck Mr Walton. The colored people held a meeting rather menacing in its character, and some got lithographed to Bridgeport for troops and there was ⁸ ^{men} sent up with a sergeant in command.

The men immediately commenced ordering houses of white and colored and pillaged the citizens of matches, money, and other property, of which I will give a list - the best I can procure.

Value \$12.00 One pistol (4 shooter) from Charles Mitchell
" \$12.00 - One " (6 shooter) from Joseph Gibbs
" \$12.00 One single barreled shotgun from Isaac Leavins
" \$5.00 One Hat Alexander Parson
" \$10.00 One pistol (5 shooter) do do
" \$2.25 in silver from Betty D. Callaway a very old colored woman.
" \$6.00 One Army gun Squire Colton

There may be some other things but I have not been able to get them. I this morning learn that what was taken for a white man by the name of Ridge. Col Webb has just shown me a letter written to you in reference to Ambrose Harris & Mr Hunt. I hold those on hand.

Hunt is willing to settle with Harris and no doubt it would have been settled this last week. But it has been raining nearly all the time, and I had proposed to go to Mr Hunt and examine the work done by Harris to make a settlement and most likely will go tomorrow. I had tried to avoid litigation in all cases and come out & beat fairly between white and black and indeed all men but when nothing else would do I most likely would be as prompt as any man. The man that assaulted Walton names is Bill McBea.

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547 May 16, 1866

H. H. Key

Leah Callow

He lives in Huntsville and is fireman on the N. & C. R. R. and runs with Thorne's Bulletin between this place & Huntsville. You can judge what is best to be done with him. There is at this place some two or more white women living with colored men. What should be done in such matters? And one or two living as when stated without money, but recognizing each other as man & wife. They have been advised of the unlawfulness but still persist.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I am with very great respect

Your humble servant,

John McCauley

Sub. Capt. F. M. B.

Sturgeson Ala.

Dr Sir -

Sturgeson May 14, 66

Your favor of 4th 5th just to hand. John Black, the man of whom you speak, came on the place with small pox & died some two weeks since. His wife arrived today - we will do all we can for her. I wrote you a hurried note on Saturday.

I am of opinion that some decision more ought to be made in reference to some of dissatisfied men on the place since Sat. they have been quite boisterous and last night two of the men had a regular fight - one cutting the other very severely. I reported the case to our friend Judge Trigg and he promptly had the parties arrested to be tried tomorrow.

The wounded man, from what I can learn, is in fault. I am still of opinion that if you could furnish us some good, decisive man for a short time to impress upon them some of their duties it would have a very good effect. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain Yours truly

P.S. May 15, 66

H. H. Key

The trial came this morning by the acquittal of the accused and clearly in self defense. Wounded man clearly in fault.

578 May 16. 66

H. H. Key

Leab Collins

Florida May 16, 1866

Dr Sir

Since you were with us we have had continual rain, bringing every thing to a standstill on the plantation. Our hands are very much disposed to be idle so much so that I fear much the result of our success. I can readily do some a change for the worse in the last few days (I allude to my home place). The other two places are going on well enough. Mr. Oganue has gone to N. Y. for his family & will be absent ten days. But you will confer a favor if you can send some some one of your assistants to our relief, if only for a few days.

Respectfully Yours
H. H. Key.

P.S. Sat evening 13.th

Owing to the very rainy season for the last 10 days. We called on all hands to ^{work} finish this evening to go to finish planting. but few responded and are as this time very discontented.

Half past 10 clock. One of the most obstinate has just called on me for pay, saying he will work for no man on Saturday evening (He is ahead of his pay already) What the result will be, time only will tell, and unless you can render us some immediate relief. I look for trouble. Nothing about holiday in our contract. We allowed them to take Sat. evening to encourage them & this is the only time they have been called upon. Do something for us if you can

Respectfully Yours
H. H. Key.

549 May 1666

John Jones
to
Cook CollinsOffice Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Courtland Lawrence Co. Ark.
May 14, 1866

Col

I have the honor to submit herewith certain papers pertaining to a horse case with following information relative thereto: Sandy Bynum "freedmen" charges Mr Wm B Irwin of Hillsboro, this County with having in December 1865 hired a certain mare from John Robinson "freedman" in Hurstville which belonged to him which the said Mr Irwin failed to return Sandy Bynum now claims one hundred & fifty dollars for said horse saddle & bridle. Mr Irwin was ordered to report at this office for the adjustment of the matter but instead of reporting sends word an Affidavit and letter of transmittal to show that it was not he, but one Jacob Warren that hired the horse in question.

I would further state that both Warren & Irwin bear hard reputations in this community and that it is hard for me to discriminate as to which is the greater scoundrel. I would respectfully ask for information in the premises if I am to go on with the case.

I have also the honor to report that I have, since entering upon my duties in June to the first of May, approved of one hundred and twenty six (126) Contracts, containing five hundred & thirty five (535) hands and have collected from contracts one hundred & ninety six dollars & seventy five cents (\$196.75) and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from fines, amounting in all to two hundred & twenty six dollars & seventy five cents (\$226.75) I have not been able to get bills made out for my expenditures as yet but have called for them, and if I am allowed time until my next report I will be able to send my account in full.

I have called a meeting of the Envo-
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May 17, 1866

Edwin Beecher

to

Col Cadlee

rations officers of the place thro' the Mayor for
to night to organize a board of health and
take into consideration the sanitary condition
of the County.

I have heard of several Union Soldiers
who have been buried, and will be able to send
a list of graves & locality in a short time.
Through the assistance of Major Evenden for-
merly of the 1st Ala now residing in the
County seat.

I am Sir

Most Respectfully

John Jones

1st Lt & Art Major.

Montgomery Ala May 11, 1866

Dear Sir:

On arriving from Mobile this morn-
ing I found yours of the 5th inst with your
corrected pay accounts for which accept thanks.

The balance you saw sent by Col Cadlee
who will visit you soon, or you can retain it &
we will make it right in a future settlement.

We do not pay Commutation. That is paid
by the L.M. We draw ours here from Colonel
Wickersham of L.M. at Mobile from whom I
presume you will get yours. The L.M. at your place
will give you the necessary blanks and directions
and also the certificate as to the value of wood &c.
It will amount to more than the difference in rations
for April. Genl. Swayne is so busy he can
not get away. Col Cadlee & Dr. Kipp will visit you
soon. I am glad to hear everything is running
smoothly with you and hope it may continue
so.

Truly Yours

Edwin Beecher

551 May 17.66

O. W. Kinsman
A. F. GendTo
Col. Leath
Supt

552 May 18.66

J. W. Green
To

Col. Leath (Telegram)

553 May 18.1866

D. Holmes
To

Col. Leath (Telegram)

554 May 21.66

James Danforth
To

Col. Leath

Montgomery Ala May 18. 1866

Colonel:
I have the honor to state that your requisition for Quartermaster Stores has been approved, and forwarded to Genl. Howard for his approval.

General Hoodless, the Department Commander will be requested to have retained in service the Quartermaster at Huntsville, until such time as the transportation can be turned over to this Bureau.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

D. W. Kinsman

B. & Major & A. F. Gend

Tusculum Ala May 18. 1866

When will rations for Marion County be here,
Wagon waiting for them here. Answer
J. W. Green.

Tusculum Ala. May 18. 1866

No rations for Marion Co here. Wagon waiting.

D. Holmes.

Office Bureau Agency R. F. F. L.
Athens Ala May 20. 66

Colonel:

I recd your order enclosing Circular No 2 from Asst. Commr of the State a day or two ago, after it had gone to Nashville, causing a good deal of delay. I will attend to the matter as promptly as the nature of the case will admit. I only drop you this line in haste, that you may know the real cause of delay. There are a great many reasons

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555 May 21, 66

Edwin Becker

To

Col. Leallie.

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May 21, 66

Wade Hampton Goodwin

To

Col. Leallie.

Remains of Union Soldiers buried all over this County, owing to the fact that a good many different Commands had camps in various portions of the County, at different periods during the war. It will be a very difficult matter to get a correct and satisfactory report, but will do my utmost, and be as expeditious as possible.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

James Danforth
Agent.

Montgomery Ala May 15, 1866

Dear Sir:

Major Kinsman has spoken to me about sending you some blanks, form 22, but supposing it was for claims against the Bureau, I enclose three sets of ones. I am sorry I did not think to send you some by Col. Leallie.

If I do not visit you again in the first of next month, I will send you blanks for next payment.

Very respectfully

Edwin Becker.

Lebanon Tenn May 17, 1866

Dear Sir:

At the solicitation of one of our Freed-women now in my service at this place, I desire to call for your assistance in the following matter: Some 22 years ago there was sold at this place a colored man and his wife, to a man

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557 May 21, 66

John F. Sparkes



Leal Cañon

in or near Huntsville Ala. by the name of William
Brandon or Brandom. They were sold here by
a man by the name of Thomas Holmes Esq.

The women had nine four or five children when she left him, who were sold with her.

She was a bright mulatto, and named Martha. The man was of a light color, tall, & a brick Mason, and named Bot or Robert.

They leave here one sister and a mother
the latter very aged. If you can give me any
information of them you will confer a great
favor

On your most Obedt-Servt

Wade Hampton Goodwin

Commissioner,

Box 99.

W^h Dr. and R. Coontain Alu

May 20, 1866.

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Of Col Edwards at Duck Springs three thousand and six hundred lbs of hard bread and six hundred & seventy six lbs of porks for the month of April, which I issued out to two hundred and twenty five (225) persons, being sixteen (16) lbs of bread to each person and three (3) lbs of porks.

John. F. Sparks

Agnes BRF. AL

No Whistred
558 May 21, 1886
Name of Writer
James L. Sheffield
To
Col. Cullis

Date & purpose of letter
Office C. R. F. and A. L.
Guntersville Ala May 18, 1886.

Col. Cullis:

Enclosed find report of interred Union Soldiers in my County. I obtained all the information that was possible for me to get. I rec'd today your letter of date May 15th inst. in the subject of Alexander Prindley, ^{old} being robbed. I am ready and anxious to act promptly and vigorously if I know how far I am authorized to go, and who is to arrest the offenders. Now I authorize the Sheriff, and when done direct the matter be investigated before a justice of the peace my being present to see that this Prindley gets justice. I would like to have the power to send all such recommendations to the Penitentiary. I have not seen Alex. Prindley but will, so soon as he reports to me with a statement of his case, proceed to have the parties arrested and brought to this place & hold them till I hear from you. I am ready and willing to discharge my duty (when I know what it is) at all hazards. Let me hear from you by Mr. Parker.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
J. L. Sheffield
Capt Barran.

557 May 22. 66.

W. F. Bascom

Genl Agent

To Simon Jackson
Care of Freedmen's Bureau.

Military Commission

Washington D.C. May 18. 1866

Sir:

Your claim for arrears of pay and bounty on account of John or John Jackson Co. 110th U.S.C.T. has been suspended by the 2nd Auditor for a new application in which the marks of the claimant and witnesses must be attached by you. The impress of the seal of court should appear on the reverse side of the application. Also for evidence showing whether he was free at the time of enlistment and if free the date on which he became free. Enclosed you will find blank forms.

With the new application, and evidence called for, please return this letter.

Respectfully Yours

W. F. Bascom.

Genl Agent.

560 May 22. 66.

J. N. Green

To

Leah Leath

Freedmen's Bureau May 21. 66.

Leah:

Yours of the 12th inst. just to hand this morning. If it had been sent earlier it would have saved me a trouble. I, on yesterday Sunday, loaded 14 mules for Marion county & started Mr. Keenan with them. No pack yet for this county. For God's sake do so, and see cattle.

I have no pasture and can't get any, unless the people cannot save beef at this time of year, & it would help to produce cholera. I know nothing about butchering.

Yours Truly

J. N. Green

Agt Bureau

561 May 22, 66. Nancy Marks
To Col. Callis.

Flourno, Ala May 19, 1866.

Dear Sir:

I send this letter to you to find out from you if I can get my child. I wrote to this man about my child and this is the answer: And I have written several letters since and he won't answer them. I hope you will write to him to send my child to me, and if you please let me know as soon as you get this, so I can settle my mind on something. My child was born and raised in this County, and he took her away. She is 17 years old.

I remain Yours
Nancy Marks

Carrollton Miss April 1, 1866.

Nancy Marks:

Dear Nancy: I have just received your letter to your daughter Emma & myself, and will now reply to it. We have been in doubt as to whether or not you were alive - not hearing anything from you. We are glad to learn you still live, and hope you are doing well. You give us no information as to how you are doing, your welfare &c.

Who are you living with? and where are you living and what are doing?

We have had Emma apprenticed to us, as the Law of this state authorized and directed. The period of apprenticeship, in this state, for a female is 18 years. Emma is now 15 years old. Suppose now. So far Emma has been an expense to us, and we have been at great trouble to teach her how to do things. We have taken great pains to qualify her so that she may be able to get all her part through the shifting scenes of life. I read your letter to her and told her to be very busy, and do her duty.

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faithfully the balance of this year; then if she had
your entire satisfaction, and desired to go with
you, she might do so. So she will remain with us
until Christmas as she always has promised.
Then I will fix her up, and send her to you.

She has given to the great big girl and very
good looking. And you have down this summer
and see her. She says she would like to see you. She
sends you much love, and says write her and she will
about yourself and friends generally. Dick is still living
with us & sends his love. Write him about his father
friends &c. Write me as soon as you get this.

Respectfully

A. M. Christensen

P.S.

Mary sends her love and says she would like to hear from
you. She is married to a very good old man who lives a few
miles from us with her. Mary says to
go with him, where they all now live together. Mary has
3 children living - one by her last husband, a boy.

Her husband's name is Clinton Heerman now.

Does have no wife but will probably marry in this
country to a suitable woman. To whom he is now en-
gaged. Dick will then perhaps visit your town say
Christmas. And Mary lives among you. But cannot
write. Write to me or all of us as soon as you get this.

A. M. B.

P.S. No 2 My wife Ann Eliza, sends her love to you &
Betty and all of her old colored friends. Ann's health
is only tolerably good. She has 7 children living -
4 boys and 3 girls. Two of our boys are nearly grown.
The last is a little girl, now at the breast.

My own health is not good. My respects to my
colored friends generally. Yours &c

C.

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May 22. 66

Charles Cole

James S. Sawyer

Col. Butler

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May 22. 66

Dr. H. Key

So

Col. J. B. Butler

Decatur Ala, May 21. 1866.

Sir:

On Sunday night last, the late rebel Colonel King went into the residences of several colored people and threatened to shoot them all, having a loaded pistol in his hand and fired the said pistol several times in the street. He would, as loyal people of the Govt of U.S. wish to know if there is no protection for these unprotected and uneducated colored inhabitants.

Yours truly

Charles Cole & Co.

James S. Sawyer & Co.

Florence Ala, May 20th 1866.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th duly recd. I do not wish you to think me troublesome but I reply to yours simply to let you know that my fears as regards the labor on the place was not all ground. On Saturday several quit the place without any notice whatever, and since 10 or more refused to work. This Monday morning there is a very obstinate feeling existing. Any one can see this. I regret that it is not in your power to put things straight, I can say this truly, that unless good work is done this week, that the portion of the crop on my land place, I consider a very bad egg. The hands on both the other places are doing quite well. Mr. Ozanne arrived with his family on the 16th. All well.

Respectfully Yours

H. H. Key.

561 May 28 66

H. E. Rivers
To
Care of Callis

New Hope Alabama May 21 66

Sir:

I am in receipt of your note of May 17th and in reply would say that the girl of color who calls her name to you Sally Dunley, gave me her name as Sally Johnson, and I hired said girl the 5th day of March 1866 and she remained until the 7th day of May, which makes two months and two days. The contract was for five months for which I was to pay her \$30.00. The contract was written and with two witnesses for the 2 months and two (2) days \$12.46

Sally Johnson to H. E. Rivers
To spoil of thread and buttons \$0.30
" 10 yds prints 3.00
" Making dress 1.00
" One pr new pant hose 1.00
" 3 lbs soap @ 20¢ .75
" Repairing dress .15
" 8 1/2 days last time 1.87
" 8 1/2 days board & medicine 4.25

\$12.42 \$12.46

To this I am willing to be justified. It is impossible for me to leave home at present. It may be so for 8 or 10 days, on account of the ill health of my wife. Had not this been I would have been out ere this time. If you wish further information of me, I refer you to Joseph Bradley and Benjamin Jolly.

I remain

Yours Respectfully
H. E. Rivers

May 23, 66

C. Garrison
Agt for Blount Co

To

Col Callis

May 23, 66

C. Garrison

To

Col Callis

Office Agt Bureau R. F. A. L.
May 18, 1866

Sir:

By making a new estimate, with very strict
scrutiny, I find the number of destitute for the
month of June to be

Whites (Men) 50
Whites (Women) 600
Children 1600
Colored (Men) 15
do (Women) 40
do (Children) 60

Making 1585 full persons.

As I have not yet issued for this month
you may take this for my report of this month
I expect to issue by this estimate.

Yours Respectfully
C. Garrison

Signed

Blount Co Ala May 19, 1866

Sir:

Having made an estimate of the cost of
transportation of the destitute from Huntsville to
my Co for the months of February, March and
April, I find it to be one thousand five hundred
fifteen dollars (\$1515⁰⁰) and sixty nine cents.

I am Sir

Your friend

Wm C Garrison

Agt for Blount Co

May 25, 66. Hugh Carlisle
To
Col Callie

Tusculum Ala May 24, 1866

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor dated May 21st 1866, with accompanying transcript of your decision in a suit instituted by your Bureau by one Billy Lowe Freedman against Carlisle and Henderson.

In acknowledging, Courtesy in the premises I beg leave to submit respectfully to your consideration the following statement of facts connected therewith: — In the fall of 1862 Carlisle and Henderson through Henderson hired from Mr. Dick Davis, the said Billy Lowe and his wife Harriet for the year 1863, agreeing to pay the said Davis the sum of three hundred and forty dollars (\$340) for the services of said Billy and Harriet during said year 1863. The circumstances of the time and the monetary condition of the Southern States at that period, is mutually conclusive that the amount agreed upon was to be paid in Confederate Currency. In addition to this it was certainly and unquestionably the tacit understanding between the contracting parties, that it was to be so paid. For in truth, Confederate money alone was the consideration in all such transactions at that time, unless otherwise expressed in a written agreement. In corroboration of the foregoing facts, I may here mention, that on the basis of Confederate Currency, or rather on the basis of its marketable value during the year of the service rendered, I settled with Mr. J. W. Davis, Mr. Lamm and other citizens of Madison Co Ala for the hire of their (then) slaves during the year 1863. When my partner Mr. Henderson, hired the said Billy and Harriet there was much apprehension prevailing among the citizens of Huntsville that the Federal forces would soon occupy the town, and by their occupancy would render valueless, if not entirely deprive them of their slave property. Hence they manifested not only a willing mind but a

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solicitude to hire their servants is any one who would carry them beyond the reach of Federal power and influence. I resort to these circumstances as a further and incontrovertible proof that the contract between said Davis and Henderson contemplated payment in Confederate Currency. Billy and Harriet were only hired for the year 1863, but in its expiration it was impossible to return them to Huntsville, which was then inaccessible for such a purpose. Out of proper consideration for the interests of the persons from whom we hired the servants, we retained, and took care of them during the year 1864, during which year neither Billy Davis or his wife were of any benefit, but rather an expense to us, both being afflicted with disease, and the wife dying during the year of that year. In this connection I may again refer to the fact that Mr Harris and others already referred to did not charge or claim any remuneration for their servants during the year 1864, and they were circumstanced precisely in the same manner as those of Mr Rich Davis. Now look in view of the facts which I have here succinctly stated, I feel justified in believing that the gold value of \$348 in Confederate money at the time the said Account became due, is all that Carlisle El Henderson should be required to pay to either Davis or his assignee. The amended Constitution or rather ordinance No 26, adopted by the State Convention of Alabama of 10th Sept 1865 provides this mode of valuation and settlement in such case.

The third section of said Ordinance reads as follows: "That in all suits upon Contracts made between the 1st Sept 1861, and the 1st of May 1865, parol evidence shall be admissible to prove what was the consideration thereof and whether or not the parties thereto understood or agreed that the same should be discharged by a payment in Confederate Currency."

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May 28, 1866 D. G. Furman

To

Col. Ballis

note, and if so, or it appears so from the contract then to show what was the real or true value of the consideration of said contract, and what amount the plaintiff is legally, justly and equitably entitled to receive according to the contract by the judgment of said Court. In this way I have always been willing, and am now willing to settle with the assignee of Davis, and I consider it honorable, fair and just.

My absence on the day to which you adjourned the said cause, was solely on account of my being at the time in Savannah, and the impossibility of getting off from that point. While afterwards I was informed that you would, in all likelihood turn the party complainant over to the Civil Court of Ala. which the recent Legislature had opened effectually for all parties regardless of color.

I will endeavor to be in Huntsville in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. B. Lewis

Rome Ga May 22, 1866

Dear Sir:

I have just arrived here in search of the supplies sent to my army and find them stored at Messrs J. M. Berry's. I find the hard bread for the months of April and May all here. I shall be able to get them all out, and will leave in a few days with the supplies and hope to be able to announce the work of distributing in a short time. I have had a pleasing time to get the funds to pay them out of Bonds.

Hope I shall be able to get them out as fast as they arrive hereafter. I had nothing to receive in the month of April but the small amount of

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May 25th 1866 Capt J. A. Cottonman C.S.

To

Col Callie

over to me by the Judge of Probate. You can forward for
June at any time it suits you. I have filled the
Blank sent me and return it to you today. I sent up
my report for April. Hope it has reached you long
since. Our River matters are so uncertain I have sent
my return by hand to Reno. I have been called upon
several times lately to approve Contracts entered
into by the Freedmen and Whites and also to record
them. I have refused to do so not having any instruc-
tion to do so from you. Will you please inform me
if it is my duty to do so. I have thought not unless
especially notified to do so. It is necessary that there
should be some one here to do so for the protecting
both White and Black.

I have the honor to be Col

Yours Obedt Servant

J. C. Turrelino

Office Post and Depol C.S.

Murksville Ala May 25, 1866

Col. Geo B. Callie

Capt B. R. F. Y. A. S.

Murksville Ala

Sir:

I am instructed by Col M. P.
Small, Supervising C. S. Mil. Dis of Tenn to issue to
Destitute at least one half of the meat ration in fresh
Beef. You will please make your requisitions ac-
cordingly.

I am, Col, Very Respy,

Your Obedt Servt

J. A. Cottonman

Capt & C.S.

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Madison Station
May 26, 1866

May 26, 1866

Wm. Cox

To

Cadiz

May 28, 1866

Mrs E Wheeler

To

Cadiz

Madison Station
May 26, 1866

Colonel:

The bearer of this note, Mr. Coffey is my neighbor and friend. He is not only an honest man, whose statements can be implicitly relied on, but he was for a faithful Union man in the worst times of the rebellion as I know. It knew and others of Huntsville can testify.

Mr. Coffey, having some difference with his hands which may be referred to you for settlement, I have only to say that Coffey is incapable of misrepresentation or of injustice to any one.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. Cox

Lafayette Miss May 20, 1866

Dear Sir:

I recd your letter of inquiring as regards Rachel the daughter of Rebecca Stule. She is with me and in good health, and doing very well. Rachel would like to know more about her mother and the children. Tell her she need not borrow any trouble about Rachel - She is well and for. I had considerable trouble with her, but she is a better girl now, and she will always have a home here when she behaves well.

Yours Respectfully

Mrs E Wheeler

May 28. 66

J. H. Coors

Probate Judge

Blount Co

To

Col Butler

Blountsville May 28. 1866

Dear Sir:

Excuse me for troubling you on the subject of the "rations" for this county. I suppose it is ordered that no more rations be issued until the county is prepared to pay the transportation. Well Col, that will be in effect the stoppage of any further distribution in the county for the reason that the county is utterly unable to meet such demand. At the present advance for this county for one year and the hauling in wagons from Guntersville or Decatur would amount to about \$9000, whereas the same amount can be hauled from Guntersville for \$2850⁰⁰ and as I have been informed you proposed to ship to Guntersville and that it was objected to on the grounds that certain parties who were there present "could not graze their teams on that road." Now Col I have no personal feeling nor interest in this matter, but the interest of the starving women and children in my county demands that this hauling be done at as light a cost to them as possible.

I do not wish to control the issuing of rations myself, but I will give you a bond for \$20000 that I can have them brought from Guntersville for 75 cents per 100^{lb}, and because any grain man or number of men cannot haul from Guntersville, it is no reason why Blount Co should be sacrificed to the extent above mentioned, but Col I cannot promise to pay it money for in my honest opinion there is not as much as a \$1000 in Blount Co. This may seem strange to you, and I have no doubt it does, but the very necessity of our people having to be fed by the generosity of the government of the United States is evidence of our extreme destitution. When the war closed we were left without a currency and last year all of our crops were failures. Consequently every dollar that can be had by our citizens is hurried off to buy corn meal. Col it is not a matter

continued:
 of no choice with me that I am fortunate
 you with tales of poverty and suffering, and
 on my own account would not do it, but
 if you knew the actual extent of desti-
 tution in the County, and if you knew what
 appeals for help (which I am un-
 able to give, and with what tales, stand-
 ing almost, I am beset every day,
 I know you would excuse me.

Col I have a months rations de-
 livered at Bloomsburg from Huntsville
 for seven bbls of pork, and it will cost
 from Decatur or Huntsville from 20 to 25
 bbls; One other thing I will call your at-
 tention to. Some of the ~~transports~~ wagons
 have unloaded their wagons at their own
 houses, and hold a lien on the rations un-
 til they are paid, and so far as relieving
 the destitute is concerned they had as
 well remained at the depot at Huntsville
 and will respectfully refer you to Messrs
 Wooten & Copeland who are at Huntsville,
 as grand jurors from this County as to
 the correctness of all I have stated.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

J. H. Moore

Probate Judge

P.S.

I would be pleased to hear
 from you soon on the subject.

J.H.

recd.

28.66 To

Col Ballis

Office Asst Comm State of Ala
 Montgomery Ala May 23. 66.

Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose
 herewith six (6) blank orders for transportation.
 You will please supers by letter the persons &
 things transported under each order as you
 fill it out.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

O. L. Kinsman

A. S. G.

28.66 Edwin Beecher

To

Montgomery Ala May 24. 66.

Col Ballis - Dear Sir: I sent you yes-
 terday a postage of blanks as requested by your tel-
 egram. I have been quite unwell for several days
 or would have attended to it sooner.

I expect to visit you soon after the first of
 next month.

Very Respectfully

Edwin Beecher.

28.66 O. L. Kinsman to Col Ballis. Montgomery Ala

May 23 1866

Col I

Please endeavor to procure and send to
 this office as speedily as possible, one of the bills
 for State and County taxes, demanded of the
 Treasurer in your County for the present
 year.

Very Respectfully

O. L. Kinsman J. H.

May 28.66 Mrs Trinn Blount Co Blount Springs Ala
Col. ^{to} Curtis May 21. 1866.

Honorable Sir:

Allow me the liberty to write you a few lines, relating to my present circumstances & distress, with regard to something to subsist upon. I am now destitute of any thing to live on - no bread, no meat and no chance to get anything here. I am a widowed woman. My only son, my only help, is in the Federal Army. It has been nearly 3 years since I saw him. I have 4 in family and have never drawn but 6 lbs of meat and 8 lbs of crackers during all the stress here, and it will not sustain human life without any other help; and I do humbly beg of your Honor Sir, to assist me in way of provision as I am entirely without. If you do so it will be a great favor & help. If you grant this request send it by Mr R. B. Holt & I will kindly thank you.

Mrs E Trinn

May 28.66 O. D. Kinsman to Montgomery Ala 26 May 66
Col. Curtis

(Telegram)

I send you rations for Cherokee Co. to pass to the probate judge instead of the former Agent. If convenient send a man with them.

O. D. Kinsman

Adj. G.

May 26 O. D. Kinsman Montgomery Ala
Col. ^{to} Curtis April 21. 1866

Colonel:

The estimate of the number of rations to be issued in the several Counties of the State for the month of May 1866 has been increased and in your District will be as follows:

Franklin	400	Blount	675
Marion	500	Marshall	700
Lauderdale	300	De Kalb	750
Jackson	700	Cherokee	800
Limestone	300	Morgan	575
Madison	450	Winston	550
		Lawrence	500

The same regulations regarding rations are in force with you in the issue of rations.

By order of B. H. Maj. Gen. St. Leger.
O. D. Kinsman A. A. G.

May 28. 1866

Montgomery Ala May 21. 1866

O. D. Kinsman

Col. ^{to} Curtis

Colonel:

The estimate of the number of rations to be issued in the several Counties of the State for the month of June 1866 has been increased, and in your District will be as follows:

Madison Co. Per diem	550	Lawrence Co. per diem	500
Jackson " "	700	Winston " "	550
Limestone " "	500	Morgan " "	600
Lauderdale " "	500	Cherokee " "	800
Marion " "	600	De Kalb " "	800
Franklin " "	500	Blount " "	700
		Marshall " "	700

5000

O. D. Kinsman A. A. G.

May 29, 66

J. L. Sheffield

Col. Leallie

Greentown, Ala.
May 28, 1866

Sir: Please find enclosed my report of rations issued for this month. The inventory sent you showed 21,000. My report shows that they were issued to 2,000. I do not know how to account for this. Some of the hard bread was very badly damaged, so much so they could not be used. The distribution in this County is very great. I intended to have them issued properly without distinction of color when they were distributed. Please have forwarded the rations for the month of June as early as day as possible. Mr. Solomon stated to me you would furnish beef cattle for the next time. I so inform me when the beef will be sent and will take hands and come after them.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Sheffield Agent

May 29, 66

J. Worley Garrison

Col. Leallie

Decatur, Ala. May 28, 1866

Colonel:

I have the honor to report that on Saturday evening Col. J. H. King shot and dangerously wounded a free man of color, Taylor Harris of this place, maliciously and entirely without provocation - Indeed the boy Taylor was a particular favorite with King, having been his body servant during the war; and is a universal favorite with all who know him, having been born free, and lived for many years in this place. It seems King was (as is

his usual custom every few days, on a prison which occasions he takes particular pains to go over town and surround blackguard abjectees (as he calls them) northern men, and also all colored men whom he has taken a special hatred to, on such occasions he kicks and cuffs them about generally, always keeping his pistol in hand, covered, swearing, if they speak he will blow out their brains.

The news spread ^{time} about town after he shot Taylor, then visited a plantation about a mile from town and cut up his marks during the entire night. Two white women living in the place came to my house in the night demanding my protection. This Col. King was a Col. in the rebel Army, and is now under heavy bonds to the U.S. Govt for violating his parole, and disloyal acts. He seems to pick his subjects, as all his disturbances, which have been many, are with northern men, who have not, as yet resisted his manner and cowardly assaults and insults. He stood about town some time, and his Honor the Mayor was either present or very near, when the shooting was done. No arrest was made - indeed he never had been arrested here for any of his many assaults. The Marshal and his deputies are his special friends, and if sent after him, would only let him know that he had better get out of the way. I visited Col. Dukes, the lately elected Magistrate of this place last night to find out what he intended to do in the matter. He told me that King came to him after he shot Taylor and asked him what he intended to do with him. Said he shot him intentionally, not because he wished to do so, or rather not for any cause. The Col told him if any body reported the case to him, he should have to arrest him. King asked him if it was reported to send word to his plantation. He would not be there but they would know where he was & would

And him word, and he would come in; that he was going out to the country, but would not be far off, as he was compelled to report regularly to Huntville and that he did not intend to let his securities suffer. The Col told him he had better go home and sleep all night and come back see him in the morning, which he promised to do but did not. Something ought to be done with him. He has been on sick leave. He thinks he can do just as he please. The Commander of the District I think has the papers on the other case, and I hope he will have it all investigated. The numerous feeling among the loyal ^{and} there is that this case ought not to be looked over. A proper example must be made.

The Surgeon informs me that the bullet wound just above the left eye breaking the outer skull, but he thinks not injuring the vision, glancing up and was extracted from the top of his head. He thinks the wound will not prove fatal. I will be down on Wed morning.

Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

A. H. Harley, Pittsburg.

Agent D. R. F.

May 29, 66. R. Ellis to Blountville, Ala May 14th 1866.
Col. Lewis.

Sir: The bearer hereof, Mr J. Thresher will be at Huntsville with an empty wagon. Will you be so kind as to load his wagon with cotton for Blount Co & send statement of the load. Also Mr A. F. Taylor.

Respectfully Yours
R. Ellis

May 30, 66. William Fowler to
Col. Lewis.

Star Dept Washington D.C.
May 26, 1866.

Colonel:

I enclose copy of letter from the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury, calling for further evidence in the claim of Ellen Walden for arrears of pay, bounty &c. on account of her deceased husband Ben Walden, late Private Co "C" 101st U.S.C.

In preparing these additional affidavits, a strict compliance with the requirements of the 2nd Auditor - as contained in his letter - should be observed and the utmost care exercised in inserting dates when required &c. so that they may correspond with those contained in the declaration on file. When prepared, please forward to this office.

Very respectfully &c
William Fowler
A. A. G.

Letter from 2nd Auditor.

May 30, 66. C. B. French to
W^m Fowler

Treasury Department
Second Auditors Office
May 23, 1866

Sir:

The claim in the case of Ben Walden, Co "C" 101st U.S.C. I did rec. 1. 1865, is sustained for proof of marriage. This office desires the certificate of the officer performing the marriage rite, or the affidavit of eye-witnesses. If neither can be furnished, the claimant must state under oath, that such is the fact, and present the testimony of two disinterested witnesses who are well acquainted with the history of the family, stating how long

and where the parties lived together as man and wife; the number, names and ages of their children, if they had any. Please return this letter.

Respectfully
(Signed) E. B. French

May 26. Wm Fowler from Treasury Department
E. B. French Second Auditor's Office.
May 28. 1866.

Sir:

Our claims in case of colored troops, evidence is required showing whether the soldier was free at time of enlistment; and if free, how long he had been so. Please return this letter.

Ben Walden Co. 101 " W. L. & S.

Respectfully
(Signed) E. B. French.

May 30. 66 James & Scruggs
J. P. Davis to Wm Fowler
Leot Leallio. May 30. 1866.

Dear Sir:

The Commissioners Court of Madison County and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Huntsville have had the subject of establishing a small poor hospital, before them, and we are authorized to assure you that just as soon as it can be done, you will be relieved of further trouble in the matter, until which time we hope you will continue the present arrangement.

Very Respectfully
James & Scruggs
J. P. Davis.

Office Bureau Location Ala
May 24. 1866

Wm A. T. Patterson to
Leot Leallio

Col: I have the honor to transmit herewith the statements of John Hollingsworth and W. H. Davis concerning outrages committed by J. B. King.

A. T. Patterson
(Signed)

Receiver Ala May 27. 66
John Hollingsworth to
A. T. Patterson

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following statement regarding the cowardly & wholly unmanly assault upon my person by J. B. King of this place. The following are the facts:

Last Sunday week May 20th while sitting in front of Mr Waldon's store, King came across the street to where I was and remarked to me that I had something about him, which I denied. He then called me a damned Yankee thief and seized me by the hair, at the same time drawing a pistol out of his pocket, but stopped when he had it about half out, I seeing that he was armed, did not attempt to strike him, thinking that he would shoot me. He told me to get away from there, that it was no place for me, to go where the damned Yankees staid: that that was the Southern end of town, and he did not want me around there. Mr Waldon, acting Mayor of the town, was present.

and heard and saw all that passed. King turned around to Mr Halden and told him to make out his fines and he would pay them in the morning. Halden remarked to him that it was best not to make a fuss, as I had not said or done anything. King again turned to me & seized me by the hair and repeated the expression that I was a damned Yankee thing. I asked him if he was aware of my stealing anything; he admitted that he had not but told me that I would not. I then started away, King following, and cursing me and all the Yankees. I stopped at the corner of the street and he came up and seized me the third time. I refused to go & remained there until King left.

The only reason that I can imagine to provoke this cowardly assault given on my part was my being a loyal citizen of this town during the war.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

John Hollingsworth

(See Endorsement Book page 83)

May 31, 66

H. H. Davis to
A. H. Patterson

Sir:

You have requested me to make out a statement of the conduct of J. Horace King towards me of late date. I know of no grudge that said King may have against me save that in the breaking out of the rebellion I would not volunteer in his company, but went in one from

Lincolnton, Commanded by a sober man.

I am clanking for "Yankies", and perhaps when drunk, this may rile him.

I know of no other grudge, but I do know that he has vilified & abused me in the public street, but being myself unarmed, I have said nothing out of the way to him. He is regarded here by friend & foe, as exceedingly dangerous when drunk, but when sober, he is gentlemanly. He is a great nuisance when drunk and miserably represents the loyalty of W. Alabama.

My brethren are of the same opinion, and there has been no agitation of a sectional character within 30 miles, save that which has arisen from J. H. King when drunk.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

H. H. Davis

(See Endorsement Book page 88)

Transmitted Ala May 30 '86
Franklin Co.

May 31, 66. J. A. Green to
Col Callis -

I must respectfully submit "Estimate of Rations Required for the month of June '86, sent here with.

May 30, 66. J. A. Green Agt
Green to Col Callis.

I herewith transmit Report of Blind, deaf, dumb, and deaf dumb for Refugee and Freedmen.

J. A. Green Agt

June 1, 66

J. N. Green to
Col. Cullis

Tusculum Ala

May 31, 1866

Dear Sir:

On yesterday I sent by mail my requisition for rations and reports of deaf, dumb, blind &c. Today I send my reports for rations issued during the present month, also report for Contracts and Union Soldiers entered, all of which I have honor of respectfully submitting.

Yours Respectfully &c

J. N. Green

Ag't B.R. & S. Ad.

June 1, 66

J. J. Mitchell to
Col. J. M. Cullis

Scottsboro Ala May 20, 1866

Dear Sir:

I send you my report of issues of rations, which I hope will be satisfactory to you. I will be able to send the report as to the number of graves of Union Soldiers in a very few days, which I will do say in three or four days. It will require about the same amount of rations for the month of June.

Respectfully Yours

J. J. Mitchell

Agent.

P.S.

I also send report of blind, deaf & dumb &c

J. J. M.

June 1, 66

John McCauley to Stinson Ala May 29, 1866
Col. J. M. Cullis

Sir:

In conformity with your order to organize a Sanitary Board, I proceeded to do so on this instant by calling a meeting and constituting the Board by appointing

Maj. G. St. Graham &

S. S. Cotnam M.D.

to act with me

S. S. Cotnam M.D. was chosen Secretary.

Any suggestion kindly recd.

Respectfully

John McCauley.

June 1, 66

Edwin Becker to
Col. Cullis

Montgomery Ala May 28, 1866

Dear Sir:

I am present appearance. I fear I shall not be able to visit your town at the close of this month, as I thought I should a few days ago. You had better there for send down your voucher & I will return the money by express.

In haste - truly yours

Edwin Becker

June 1866

L. B. Thornton to
Col. Geo. B. Hall.Pascumbia Ala
31 May 1866

Col.:

I have been instructed by the city authorities of Pascumbia to enquire how indemnity can be obtained from the United States for losses sustained by the city in the destruction of the city jail by fire through the carelessness of soldiers confined thereon in the month of Feb. last. Capt Christensen, late of the 44th U.S.C.I. made an application for a board of officers to come and assess the damages, but nothing has been done yet.

Any information you may be pleased to give us will be appreciated - the jail was worth nearly \$2,500 and the city cannot well afford to lose that amount.

Please inform me also if rent can be obtained from the government - when troops occupied the building for quarters since January last.

I am Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
L. B. Thornton

Lie of the Board
of Mayors & Aldermen

June 1866 Judge Hyatt to Gunterville Ala May 29, 1866
Col. Cutler

Dear Sir:

I noticed about ten days in the papers that Pres. Johnson had telegraphed to Gov. Patton that he would send supplies not only for the helpless poor of Alabama but also sufficient to aid the poorer classes of farmers to make their crops.

Since then I have been informed that these supplies were to be forwarded through the medium of the Freedmen's Bureau. I have persuaded Col. J. L. Sheffield to come over to Huntsville - see you on the subject, and urge the speedy forwarding of those supplies.

You have not - you cannot have any adequate idea of the state of things here, unless you were to come and see it. It surpasses belief. In Blount County women, children, & men not all but many have been living on bread made from the seed of the Larchum tree. From several comes up a wailing cry of famine which would move a heart of stone.

I have sent to Blount over eleven hundred (1100) bushels of corn 2 bbls flour, 2 bbls crackers, 3 bbls, & fifty lbs corn, of meat; and as difficult about 400 bushels sent & sending as the latter County had had a donation of 2000 bushels already.

I compared mine to those sections that had got none of the other.

As the season progresses many who had a partial supply become destitute and day by day we hear of new cases of want.

Had it not been for the corn and meat donated, I believe that thousands would have died from want, and this whole country in a state

of anarchy and madness. What has been distrib-
uted has stayed thus off but more must come
right speedily or the people perish.

do then for hurry up what is to be sent
as quickly as possible

Your friend & Obedt Sent
Lewis D. York

June 1, 66

Office Bureau of Land
Sustained Land Co. Ala

Land Co. 2. C. 112

May 31, 1866

Left Sub with H. M. Smith to

General:

I have the honor
to transmit herewith my returns of returns received
and issued for the month ending May, showing a
small decrease from last month's issues. I
regret to state that I am unable to report matters
as having been so harmonious as usual during the
past month in this County. In one instance a
citizen living near Hickman assaulted a freed-
man who promptly reported the facts to me. I ordered
the citizen to appear at my office for a hearing on
the case but he has not obeyed as yet. I am on his
track and may probably take him napping when
he least expects it. Another case which annoyed me
considerably is as follows: A certain Mr. E. S. Farley
residing in Moulton, this County, owned prior to &
during the war a colored woman with two children.
Some time during the war Mr. Farley sold the
mother to a Mr. McLee with the understanding
it was discovered afterward that she should
never see her children again. And for fear she
would run off with the gambles some two

weeks or longer Mr. McLee was in prison where he
resided as Agent, or at the request of the mother to con-
vey her children to her. Farley hearing of what Mr. McLee
was in the County on that business, has the children
apparently to him. McLee also fearing that an effort
would be made to prevent him from getting the chil-
dren proceeds to the Probate Court and notifies the
Clerk that he had secured on John Miss, or A. said
children. This McLee did before the apprenticeship
had been made out or entered into. I at hearing
that any arrangement of that kind had been made
by Farley for the children I gave Mr. McLee an order
for them which was returned with the information that
the children were duly apprenticed according to Law
and that he would not give them up. I then upon
sent Farley another order, a copy of which is en-
closed, with this reply to it "W. L. A." addressed to
Mr. McLee and so stands the matter.

Mr. McLee is still remaining here at my request
until I can get your opinion on the premises.
Had I troops at my command the children by
this time would be at their home under their mother's
care. Knowing that Farley is acting under advice
I have hesitated to take further action until I could
hear from you. I am satisfied that this is most
a damnable case of rascality, to deprive these poor
children from the benefits of a mother's care and attention.
I am happy to report that small pox is passing
away very fast, but our death in past times during the
month. I have some 30 or 40 cases of ammalacents who
would be able to go to work if they had clothes. I have been
promising to furnish them from day to day during the
month but as yet none have arrived. Freedmen's Aid
Society still flourishing and doing a great deal of
good - Your Obedt Servant
John Jones

James D. Hyde
Col. for I. & L.

Office Bureau I. & L.
Houston Fla. May 29th 1866

Dear Sir:

I send this letter to inform you that I did not receive yours of the 9th of May until this morning on account of high waters and am therefore unable to make a report of the Blind, Deaf & Dumb. Any way I have no recollection of any such cases in my county, and I have not in other places. I will try to run up my report of issues of rations for the month of May for the reason already stated. Enclosed I send you my report of issues, also the number of rations needed for the month of June and my plan to avoid impositions. Please examine the affidavit and I send you. If you should find any objections to it please notify me of the particulars. I have not approved of any contracts between white and blacks. All things seem to be going on well in my county so far as peace and harmony. The blacks are rising all necessary industry. I think it will be able to get all my small matters at Houston for the future.

Yours truly
J. M. Hyde
Agt Houston

sub 266
C. A. Funge, Jr.
Col. J. H. Hallis

Office Bureau Florence Fla
May 31st 1866

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you the report of rations for this month. I am now with rations waiting for you to send them down. I also enclose your report of Union Soldiers that are buried here as far as I could learn. I also send a list of old men in need of clothing and some more I could not see. You will please send them with the rations. I also send you school reports. I have sent the assessor to find the dog & drum. As soon as I hear from him I will send the report to you. Please give my best respects to Purson Lakin and tell him Mr. B. H. Ingelsby is working hard to write the Church, north & south, and may God speed the work. Many may all be united in the bonds of brotherly love.

Yours respectfully,
C. A. Funge

P.S.
I established a Board of Health to keep every thing clean. The health in our town & county is generally good. Mrs. Meers would like some blues for her school reports.
C. A. F.

Stimson Ala
June 1st 1866
June 26th Genl Allen to
Col J. B. Callis

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to obtain particulars of the destitutions now prevailing among the whites and blacks in your vicinity, in the hope of doing something to aid them, after I shall have brought the matter before our Commission. I saw Gov. Patton and General Swayne the other day in Montgomery, and got from them some general statements, but if I could hear from you some details of special cases of suffering, it might aid us in getting our Commission to move in the matter.

I enclose some of my cards and should be most happy to hear from you or others as to this matter. I am in the morning for N. Y.

Respectfully Yours

Genl Allen

Genl Agent

Am. Fr. & Un Com.

Washington D.C. May 28th 1866
June 26th W. J. Bascom to
Mrs Patsy Ross.

Madam:

In your claim for arrears of pay and bounty on account of Simms Walker, or Walker Simms Co "D" 42nd U.S.C.I. the second Auditor reports the case suspended for the true name of the soldier, as the claim on file gives him so many different names, that it can not be ascertained which is the real one. The

name given by the Adjutant is Walker Simms. The witnesses mention him as Simms Walker. The marriage license authorizes the solemnization of marriage between Walker, and Patsy Ross. The Adjutant General states that the name of Walker Simms or Simms Walker is not borne on the rolls of Co "D" 42nd U.S.C.I. on file in this office. Can you furnish evidence of his service? Are you sure that the designation of Co & Regt as given above is correct? With the evidence called for please return this letter.

Respectfully Yours

W. J. Bascom

Genl Agent

Stimson Ala May 28th 1866.

June 26th Col J. B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

The colored people are coming to me every day with their complaints against their friend Green (Agent of Freedmen's Bureau) and one man came to me yesterday to have me report the gentleman at H. D. D. and I will state his case to you, and you can act in the matter as you think best.

A colored man by the name of Coburn hired himself and wife to Blue, the proprietor of the Franklin house, but would not and did not hire for the year, but by the month, and had a written contract. At the end of four months his wife's health failed, and he informed Blue that he would have to leave him, and request him to settle with him, and both went to Green to consult with him. Blue & Green both insisted on him to remain during the year, but he would not consent to do so, and as he was only hired by the month, they could not

put him to do so. The colored man and Blue returned to the Hotel and Blue had the money in his hands to pay the colored man, when Green came in and with oaths & curses told Blue not to pay him one cent unless he would remain the guest. Blue took his advice and the poor man cannot get one cent of the money due himself & lose four months labor. Perhaps Green was right but I can see nothing but wrong and oppression in his whole course and I hope he may receive the just reward of his deeds.

Mr. [unclear] requested me to give you the names of persons who had been refused rations. I intended to do so when you would return from Florence; but as you did not return I will send you a few names. I could give you others, but these are cases I think to be true:

David Griser, 80 years of age and not able to walk - ulcered leg; Churitz, ill health, broken back & three small children; Tina Norman, ill health & unable to work part of the time; three small children refused rations and turned out with curses and threats of violence, Eliza, both, beaten shamefully by her employer - no assistance or protection. Henry, a poor helpless old man cannot raise his arm even to feed himself. No rations for him but disease and abuse in their stead; Aunt Peggy 80 years of age one hand entirely useless and no one to depend upon for a support.

I was disappointed in not seeing you again before your return to Hermitage. I so seldom meet a white friend that I can appreciate their society when I do enjoy such privilege. But I hope you or Mr. Chaffetz will be down again for you are the only white friend I expect to speak to while I remain in Tusculum.

(For endorsement Book page 84)

1866

Col. Geo. Blauvelt

Tusculum, Va. June 1st 1866

Dear Sir:

This month's rations for the County of Marion arrived today. The Bill of Lading has this endorsement made by the Quartermaster at Hermitage. There being no Commissioned officer at Tusculum it is necessary for Mr. D. Holmes Agent for Marion County to sign and return to Hermitage.

Now it is impossible to comply with this condition as Mr. H. is not here, and the agent of Rail Road is unwilling to deliver them unless the conditions of the endorsement are observed. Will you kindly inform me what action it will be proper for me to take in the premises.

Some of the [unclear] are printing their contracts. What plan shall I adopt with them? Am I authorized to have them arrested? Or shall I cause them to forfeit a portion or all of their wages as I may deem proper? I am just advised that Rail Road agent is now willing to deliver on my receipt.

Hoping to be advised specifically,

D. J. [unclear]

Your Obedt Servant

Geo. F. Allen

Capt. B. R. F. & S. L.

June 4, 66 Thomas Pitt to
Col. Wallis.

The colored people on our
place today, for a very trifling affair, had a
fuss amongst themselves, and had concluded
to lay the case before you for settlement.

In behalf of the Neg boy Calum, I would say
that I think he was rather imposed on, as he
never refuses to act kindly to any of the hired
people who treat him as he should be. The woman
Minerva gave the first offence by stealing the
hog from the store simply because
she had gotten the wood to cook with. I allow
one to use the store as much as the other, and
when they are before you, please request them
hereafter to keep better order on the place, as this
is not the first difficulty they have had.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
Thomas Pitt.

June 5, 66

Wm. F. Mitchell to
Colonel Wallis.

Nashville Tenn
6 month 1, 1866

Respected friend:

The teachers of Freed-
men, employed under auspices of the Pa. Freedmen's
Relief Association, and the Pittsburg Freedmen's
Aid Commission will leave for the north by the
time this reaches you. We intend to resume our work
in Huntsville in Sept next (about the first). You
are of course, acquainted with the circumstances
attending our loss of the church in which
our school has hitherto been held.

It is evident that we must buy or build.
For myself I see nothing to complain of in
reference to the loss of the building. We paid
for no right in either, and nothing but the for-
times of war, could justify our occupation of prop-
erty, contrary to the laws of the State.

Will it be asking too much of you, a-
mid your arduous labors, to make some little
inquiries for me about buildings. If anything
to answer our purpose can be obtained I feel
confident that the means can be obtained to pur-
chase. There will doubtless be need of much cloth-
ing next fall & winter. Our associations have
large stocks. Do you think it advisable to send to
Huntsville? Care will be taken to send prudent
teachers, next fall. I would invite from you any
expression of opinion, and welcome any suggestion
you may see fit to make. I think now that
some white teachers and some colored will be em-
ployed next fall. If you have time to write, please
drop me a line. I leave about Thursday next
for the north. A letter directed to my Box 985 Nashville
will be forwarded. Respectfully - Wm. F. Mitchell.

June 5th 1866 A. W. Patterson to
 Col. Jno B. Callis

Office Bureau Decatur Ala
 June 4, 1866

Colonel: I have the honor to transmit herewith sundry discharges &c for which I gave the parties my receipt for collection. There are quite a number of claimants here such as widows, mothers, Brothers & Sisters of deceased Soldiers. You will please give me the proper instructions relative to my duty in such cases.

I am respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 A. W. Patterson

June 6th Isaac P. Woodell to
 Col. Jno B. Callis

B. R. F. Lynchburg Va May 31st 1866

Colonel: I have the honor to say in reply to yours of the 24th inst that if you will forward to me such evidence as will be satisfactory to yourself that Harrison Jones dec^d has no near living relative than Harriet Drane. I will forward to you for her all the property left by him at his death.

Very respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 Isaac P. Woodell
 Lt & Asst. Supt.

June 6th 1866
 Office Bureau Memphis Tenn
 June 2, 1866

Gen. P. Runkle to
 Col. Jno B. Callis

Colonel: I have endeavored according to your request to find out Ed Jones (Colt) but am unable to do. However it would avail little as the chances of collecting the note are slim.

All cases are now referred to the Civil Courts. Lieut. Hoge is a Lieut in the 2nd Regt of U.S. Infy and stationed at Selma Alabama.

Very respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 Gen. P. Runkle
 Col. Brig. Gen. Johnston

June 6th

Office Bureau Athens May 31, 1866
 James Danforth to
 Colonel Callis

Colonel: I herewith enclose the Report for the month ending June 1st 1866 and hope it will give satisfaction. You will please observe a decrease of White distributers and an increase of colored. I will furnish the names of Principals. No of Agents &c as soon as I can obtain the information. I beg leave to further report that the Agency in this County in other regards is working smoothly and that the interests of the white and colored Citizens most generally are harmonious. We have an occasional difficulty, but the matter is usually trivial. I am at work on the report of Union Soldiers' remains in this County and will be able to furnish the document pretty soon. Please send me some blank applications for Soldiers' Bounty as early as possible. I have several discharges of colored soldiers who wish to have their Bounties collected. — James Danforth

June 6. 66.

J. J. Mitchell to
his family.

W. Brown Spottisboro, Ga.

June 4. 1866.

Dear Sir: I send you a report of the numerous graves of Union Soldiers at this place and Larkinsville, which is as near correct as can be made, and they are somewhat scattering in different places. The owners of the lands where they are buried say they are willing to do whatever will be right about the ground where they lie, to let them remain or take what would be reasonable for a lot sufficient to move them all together on the express ^{or} send what ^{or} a ^{small} plot of land as to put on one lot, as they are in different places. All that I can make out, died in 1864 at this place and Larkinsville. Of Mr Larkins being the land at Larkinsville and Mrs Widow Scott's at this place. There are some 8 or 10 at Woodville unknown. I understand they are in a field where they are cultivating. Also some at Carnit Rock unknown. The above, together with 2 lists I send you is as correct as I can give, which I hope will be satisfactorily received.

Yours Obedt, Servant

J. J. Mitchell, Agent.

June 566

Al. Parentino to
Lab. Cellis

Gadsden Ala May 30th 1866

Dear Col: The Govt supplies sent to Detkalt Co. for the months of Mich & April was sent to Rome Co. then by error to this place and reached here about the 10th of Mich. The Agent of the Steam boat Co. instructed the agt at this place to hold the supplies until the Chgs were paid. He, the Agent, here, has turned over to the Bureau Agt in Detkalt, except what would pay the freight and Chgs. He has understood that they will not take them out and pay the Chgs. Mr Wallingworth the Agent of the boat Co. wishes to know what course to pursue.

He wants to do right and submits to you for advice.

Charges are as follows:

Ware house charges in Rome -		\$ 75.30
Steam boat freight -	\$ 186.90	} \$ 126.90
Less two Bbls Pork lost	60.00	
Ware house Charges at Gadsden		\$ 33.50
Total		\$ 235.70

after contracting with the County Commissioners to haul at \$2.50 per hd. wt. issued the provisions, retaining for themselves one third! Two of these characters, V. Newby and J. H. Matthews, I have made examples of by instituting Civil suit against them for robbery and embezzlement of Goat Stores. It did it at the instance of a number of Citizens and the parties are very anxious to pay for the stores stolen.

There is not one contract made in the County, and now would have been made, had not some stranger been sent here - Terrell himself not even setting an example to the "Secesh" Planters, by contracting with the freedmen he has employed. Disinclination and hatred of the "damned nigger", and fear of incurring the ill-will of the Planters; who, by the way, know no law, has prevented this part of his duty from being attended to. Politics may now have nothing to do with it. I have carefully examined all the papers in the hands of Terrell, and have failed in my efforts to make even an apology for a report of the rations issued; on account of the very loose manner in which issues have been made by these "15 Agents", who have furnished no receipt. Hence I can only furnish a report of what rations have been received and issued since I have relieved Judge Terrell. There is not the faintest hope that Judge Terrell will ever be enabled to make any account, or even an approximating report prior to May 26, 1866.

In passing through the northern portion of the County I saw women and children reduced to mere skeletons from starvation - eating grass, buds and green wild berries. I found want and destitution in every mountaineer's cabin. Even the frugal and industrious are unable even to get corn for their labor. In the southern part the people are better

provided for; but even here the planters are on their last bushel of corn and last fletch of bacon, and the freedmen, women and children are positively destitute, not having received a ration prior to my arrival. The amiable Judge saying - "feed the whites first and if there's any left give it to the damned niggers". The Judge, although a good, loyal man, feels sore on the loss of his eighteen slaves. I will report progress, in a day or two, upon the contract question. Respect-fully, for the planters openly state they will not make them.

I will send report-report of Federal Soldiers buried in this County in a few days. Your Communications Post marked Apr 11th & 26th and May 10th to Judge T. received today. Green seems to be the only genuine and fearless Agent you have in the western part of the District. Reports in regard to others I hesitate to give.

Very Respectfully

Low Pitt Serrent

A. W. Holmes Agent.

Memphis, Tenn. June 4, 1866

A. M. Simmons to
Col. Wallis
Col.

I have the honor to address you on a subject which comes under your jurisdiction. viz:

Before the war (probably in 1860) Mrs. Keller then a slave was hired out to a citizen of Memphis by Mr. Keller, her master, a citizen of this place. When our army took possession of Memphis she said Mrs. Keller, being then free, went to Cairo Ill. where she has made

her home. She however returned to this place a short time ago (3 days) and demanded a boy which she left here when she was hired out, and being the mother wished the boy to return with her to Ga.

Mr. Keller objected - said that Mr Green had bound the boy to him until he should become of age (21). Mr Green was then applied to by the mother with no better success. Mr A Keller neglected to say, informed her that she could get along away, that there was no law for Colored people in Ala.

The boy was bound without the mother's consent and Mr Green was informed that the boy was only 8 years old when he bound him out to Mr Keller, and his mother is willing to swear that he is 13 years old next August, and was 12 years old when so bound. She has applied to me for aid (I presume because I am a discharged Union Soldier - from Ills-) and I do not want to meddle with these affairs, but I have feeling for the oppressed & if you can aid her, you will only do her an act of justice.

Please pardon me for thus addressing you and suppress my name in any inquiry you may make about this matter.

I am, Sir,
Very Truly
Your Obedt Servt.
A. M. Simmons.

the form of Simmons - Thornton

Pikeville Ala May 31. 66

Wm. H. Holmes to
J. L. Sheffield.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the required reports to your office; as nearly correct as I could under the circumstances. Also Statement of Provisions

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Holmes, Agt

W. H. Holmes, Agt

Statement of provisions rec'd by, I
suppose not Simon S. S. & A. L. Mason Co Ala
during the last five days of May, 1866:

4400	Lbs	Porte
2900	"	St Bread.
900	"	Rice.
48	Gals	Molasses.
180	Lbs	Soap
250	"	Salt
1080	"	Honoring

W. H. Holmes Agt

Office Simon S. S. & A. L. Mason Co Ala May 30. 66

J. L. Sheffield to
Gov. Callie.

Sir:

Please find enclosed report of Contracts for month of May with freedmen - being only one. There are no straggling freedmen in this County - all at work, and as far as my observation goes.

have been working as well if not better than when
slaves. I have not seen the man Allen Prindley (and
as yet, he has not reported the case to me, living some
ten miles off. I requested the J. Rice of the Peace
in his beat to see Mr. Johnson and get the names
of the robbers, have them arrested and notify me. I
would prosecute the case and see that Prindley
had justice, and the party if found guilty, turned
over to the next Circuit. I have been busy in
seeing ration since I did the notice, and have
have finished & sent up my report which I hope
comes to hand.

I am sent very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. L. Sheffield

Agt

June 7/86

Pascumbia Ala June 6. 1866

Mr J Green to
Sub No 3 Ballis

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in stating
that all stated by Mr Keller in his letter to you is correct
notwithstanding Major Goodfellow's advice. I did not
bind the boy until I received Circular No 1, article
No 8 of which I thought legalized my action in the
premise, and I did not think that I, as agent, had
any right to revoke the contract on application of
Eleanor (Cold) "the mother of said bound boy - and
if Mr Keller had made a similar application for
release from the obligations of the contract, he would
also have been refused.

I am Col Green &c
J. N. Green Agt

June 7/86

Pascumbia Ala June 6. 1866

Mr W Keller to
Sub No 3 Ballis

Dear Sir:

In Jan'y 1862 Eleanor, then
a slave belonging to my sister, E. W. Keller of this place
was anxious to go to Memphis Tenn, and did go, and was
hired to a gentleman there with whom she lived until the
occurrence of the city by the Indians. She stayed in
Memphis until April or May 1864 and then moved to
Cairo where she has been ever since. She then, (1864) left her son
eight or nine years old, with my mother here and from
the day she left until now has never written to him or
manifested the least interest in him.

He or father went from here to Cairo several
times to see her, and on his return, consulted
my mother with whom she had been living for inducing
her to leave Memphis, and said she was getting along
poorly. He or father in the mean time having left her and
gone to the interior of Illinois to live. He told me that Eleanor
or said she would like to have Henry with her, but he thought
he was doing mighty well as he was at it here. He
said nothing about any arrangement to get
him to her, and did not even request or advise it. When my
Goodfellow was here and full on in instructing town I
mentioned this matter to him and asked his advice. He told
me to have him bound to me forthwith, and instructed Mr
Green the agent here to make the order. In Feb. or March
last the order was made and I had him bound to me just
as white boys are bound, by the Probate Judge. He has been
taught to spell, and read very well; sleeps in mother's
room, and is as well cared for as any white child.

Eleanor came up a few days ago and demanded
him as a matter of right, and upon my telling her

that it was inconvenient for him to be given up just now. She became very indignant and applied to Mr. Green and every lawyer in town all of whom told her she had no claim in Law. She then came back to me and promised that if I would let her have him at the end of the year she would be satisfied and would not annoy me any more. I consented only on the above condition and was surprised to learn that she had applied to you in the matter. Her only alleged reason for wishing to have him is that she can get \$1.50 a day for him in a brick yard.

Hoping this may be satisfactory to you
I am, Sir, respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.
A. H. Keller

June 7th 66

Tusculum Ala June 6. 1866

Wm. J. Simmons to
Col. D. Cullis.

Colonel: I have the honor to inform you that I have been at this place since the 1st of July last and that I have not seen anything in the treatment for Mr. Green. Esq. Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau at this place has acted out to the colored people in the discharge of his office, that would justify his removal as such Agent.

There may have been instances when the Freedmen have not been justly treated in this section and of which Esq. Green was not cognizant. All trials between whites & Freedmen before him that I have been witness to, were in my judgement properly conducted. In the case of Mrs. Keller (Col'd) I believe that Esq. Green would have entertained her plea and revoked the Contract had it been in his power to do so. Yours &c

A. M. Simmons

June 7th 66

Tusculum Ala June 6. 1866

Mr. A. Green to
Col. D. Cullis.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you a statement of Mr. Belue, proprietor of the Franklin house and also the Contract with Jacob & his wife Betty, which I think will satisfy you in regard to the charges made in this. The testimony in regard to the charges in the other case, will be forwarded tomorrow or next day by mail.

I am most respectfully,
Yours A. Green Agt.

June 7th 66Tusculum Ala June 6th 1866.

J. P. Belue to
Col. Cullis.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Esq. Green I drop you a note in reference to some Freedmen (Jacks & his wife Betty) which I had employed this year. I hired Jacks and was to give him twelve (\$12) per month for the balance of the year, paid along as he might need the money, also to give Betty ten dollars (\$10) in the same way for which we went to Esq. Green and went into the Contract. Some time since Jacks became dissatisfied and wanted to quit, and said that he was going to quit when his month was over. I told him that I hired him for the year, the balance of the year, and that I did not want to give him up or at least that I could do without him. But would not do without Betty. So in a few days he told me he wanted me to settle with him. I told him that he was putting me to a great deal of trouble to take Betty away for I did not know when I could fill his place.

and that I had made a contract with him, and that Esq Green would have to say what to do in the case and to go and see him. Through the day I was passing Green's office and saw Jake in, so I went in. I heard Green tell him to get along, that he would write to Col Callis and let him decide, as he had printed the contract. So the next day Jake came to my office and communicated a little more.

I turned to the desk to see how much money had been paid him and just at that time Esq Green was passing through the office and I called him to me and asked him how I must settle with him. He asked me how I proposed to settle. I told him as for Jake I could do without him but did not know where I could fill Betty's place, but if Jake would let Betty stay one month longer I would pay him up and let him go, and at the end of the month I would pay Betty. Jake said that he would not do it, that Betty had to go. Esq Green told him these words: "demon you, go without anything and I hear you." So he did go, and so stands the affair.

This is what passed to the best of my recollection.

Very Respectfully

J. J. Belue

June 7/66

Tusculum Ala June 6, 1866

Esq M. Green to
Col Geo B Callis.

(By Telegram)

In case of Eleanor Keller, freed-woman, asking for her son bound by my plea, make no order. I wrote today.

Geo St. Green Agt

June 7, 66

Decatur Ala June 5th / 1866.

George H. Reeves to
Col Geo B Callis.

Sir:

I drop you a few lines to inform you that I am one of the soldiers of the U.S. Army and was discharged last Oct from the 12th Tenn. Regt and am without means or relations. I wish your honor to consider my condition and write me soon, if I can have assistance, and if so inform me at Decatur Ala. with an order to Mr. Patterson for the same (sum) if further proof of my loyalty and U.S. Services you shall have the necessary proof.

Yours in haste,

George H. Reeves.

June 8, 66.

Tusculum Ala June 7, 1866

Wm Simmons to
Col Geo B Callis.

Col:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 6th inst. -

My letter to you of the 6th inst through the hands of Esq Green requires this explanation: - That I settled here in Jan'y last as a peaceable citizen and trusting that the Rebels had surrendered in good faith I felt secure and at liberty in expressing my opinions freely, and took occasion to write for my favorite newspaper, the "Memphis Post" which is no poison to the people here, and who upon learning my opinions - which were equal rights to all - and learning also from some source that I had wrote for the "Miggers Post" - as they termed it, they made some demonstrations toward me last Saturday through the drunken class which have put me on my guard.

I have been informed by parties here who pretend to be my friends that I am in great danger, that I had better be on my guard &c. and some have even gone so far as to advise me to leave the place for safety - as the prejudice of these people would never suffer me to write for the past or express my opinions, and my Partner has informed me he was suffering from loss of business just because he was associated with a "Yankee Radical". I understood his hint and we have concluded to dissolve in a short time.

He says he knows it is wrong for the people to be so prejudiced but he must put bread and meat into his children's mouths, and that class of prejudiced people is his only reliance.

I sympathize with the poor man because he appears honest. He expressed himself as sorry but undecided that the prejudice of these uneducated people, which is uncontrollable, would be against him so long as he was associated with me -

This I say to show I am situated here.

Esq Green had been prompted by influential citizens here to request me privately to make a statement (which I did in my letter through Green) for the express purpose of retaining the office of the Bureau in Greens hands and are now quietly laughing in their sleeves to think how much they have come it over me, who they love equally as well as I had Stevens or C Sumner. I was not apprised of my mistake until early this morning, and I hope this will not be too late to correct any evil that letter may do. As I said in that letter I have not seen anything out of the way, but I have heard - All the trials I have seen before him have been conducted fairly, but the fact is, all that I saw were in the presence of a military officer. I have not troubled myself with his duties, and have only witnessed one or two trials before him.

I confess Col. that I have been used as a Cat's paw in this matter, thinking I might save them from a charge

that might elevate a "Gambler" in his place (Green's) who would not issue warrants to their servants, and treat the negroes like beasts and slaves. This is my honest conviction from what I have seen and heard since. Please keep my name silent in this matter and pardon me for complying with Green's request. I am in great danger here, and my life would not be worth a farthing if the contents of this letter were made known to any one.

Feeling here against the Government is getting more bitter every day - they say "they are being made slaves of and would rejoice to see the Country governed by a King".

The citizens (white) sent a petition to you through the colored citizens - understood requesting the removal of Mrs Brown - the negroes had nothing to do with it, and if any of them signed it, they were in ignorance of its contents. A white man wrote it of high standing here. I have not delivered your order to Esq Green in the matter concerning the child of Mrs Keller from the fact that it would cause suspicion and be the means of some midnight outrage committed against me. Mrs Keller will therefore await an order from you to Green for the child which I trust you will issue immediately and show them that the U.S. have authority in this country yet, and that there is law for colored people in Ala.

Please excuse this letter. I had only a short time to write in and I have consequently made my explanations long or than they would have been otherwise.

I did not get your letter until two o'clock P.M. and the mail is down at 4.16 P.M.

Please answer that I very soon this letter reached you.

Very truly

A. M. Simmons.

June 8. 66

Tussumbia Ala June 7. 66

Mr A. Green to
Cal pro R. Cullis

Dear Sir:

I have with enclosed the evidence together with the charges made against me by some unknown person (at least to myself) which I hope you will find entirely satisfactory. I have without exception treated the colored freed men with consideration and kindness which has been established to the satisfaction of every respectable person.

I enclose a note from Mr C. P. Simmons in relation to a colored boy for your consideration & advice.

I have the honor to be Cal
Yours very respectfully

Mr A. Green

Agent

June 8. 66

Tussumbia Ala June 8. 66

Mr A. Green to
Cal Cullis

Dear Sir: I wish you to send me four or five good men, field hands. If you can do so immediately you will confer a favor. I am authorized to pay fifteen dollars per month and find their passage money to this place. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience & oblige.

Yours respectfully

Mr A. Green Agent

Capt. L. Holmes to
Cal pro R. Cullis

Pikeville Ala June 4. 1866

Enclosed:

The affairs of the Bureau are very serious. Difficulties seem to multiply. The Masters have been allowed thus far in regard to their treatment of the freedmen; are loath to grant the power to an agent of the Bureau whose duties they will not understand. The wages from last year are still unpaid to the freedmen, and it is clearly manifest that they will be paid in no way this year, unless I succeed in making their contracts. I have made but five (5) as yet. Even the Civil Authorities take a family of children (freed) and indenture them as apprentices; should it not be done under the supervision of the Bureau?

They may be apprenticed the same as white children. Is it not meant that the Bureau shall do it? If so, are not the indentures that place some twenty (20) freed men in the hands of their white owners, null and void, until indicated by the Bureau?

This number of families have been indentured in violation of the State laws for binding minors; and in one case where a freedwoman said and insisted that she could maintain her children, she was struck on the head by the Judge of Probate with a cane and the children torn from her and placed in no position whose only parents can be found in the swamp of Russia and the abominable Plowage of Mexico. It seems to have been the rule here, if a Planter needed a fine "likely nigger" of about 8 or 9 yrs, he would pick one out for the Sheriff (an ex rebel Captain) to report as a vagrant; and under the Vagrant Act of Ala the Judge Probate (Dr. J. D. J. D.) would only too willingly indenture him, thus securing the labor of an able bodied self.

sustaining freedom for them, or going up and for nothing!

I would respectfully request that you give me the instructions in this case be sent me to as soon as possible. I have the white washed present Union or loyal men to contend, armed with prejudice against the freedmen more bitter than the square secessionists, and am anxious to be positive before I take a stand.

If you can get me a copy of the Civil Rights Bill or Law please send it to me: Also the blanks for claims promised.

It bears the honor to be

Your Obedt Servant
S. Holmes. Capt

June 9, 66

Madison Station Ala June 8, 66

JH Bitt to
Col Cullis.

Your note of this date is at hand. I am at a loss to know what cases you allude to where citizens bring men to me, & in every case losing their property. I can say without fear of successful contradiction that there has been only one case of the kind brought before me and that was the case of E. P. Betts & Ephraim Blackburn (Colts) and in that case I put the man under bond and referred the case to you for action. I imagine you hear a good many things, cases having been tried before me that really never took place. In the case of Taylor Betts (Colt) the only action I took in that was to notify him to come forward and show how he came in possession of the mule, though he did not respect the

summons, and I reckon will be less disposed to respect summonses hereafter. I have no doubt but that he came by that mule right, but that does not prove that the mule was not stolen from the parties claiming it. It would have been a very easy matter to have traced the mule back to a white man, who would have had to bear the loss. Taylor would have lost a cent. I thought I should take no action in the case. The parties, now, if they wish, apply to you with that case.

Yours Respectfully

JH Bitt Capt

Cairo, Ills. June 4, 1866.

Geo H Woods Esq. to
Col Cullis.

Dear Sir:

While at Huntsville Ala. we left our Discharges from U.S. service, with one A.B. Rigg for the purpose of being used in making our claims for Bounty, but learn that there is no law giving Bounty yet, and fear that our Discharges may have been taken for some dishonest purpose.

We have since learned that our discharges have been turned over to the Producers Bureau at Huntsville. If so you will do us a favor by procuring and sending them to us at Cairo Ills in care of Geo H Woods Esq.

Very Respectfully

Geo H Woods & Partners

Thos^{his} Barton
Wm^{his} Barton

Late Sergeants Co 'C' U.S.C.I.

June 11, 66.

O.H. Kinsman to
Col. Geo B. Callis,

Colonel:

Your communication of the 30th ult. enclosing letter from Judge Scruggs and the Mayor of Huntsville, in reference to the Bureau being relieved of the care of the Small Pox Hospital is received.

In reply, the General desires me to say that he is much pleased in view of the action proposed to be taken.

Very respectfully

Your Most Obedient

O.H. Kinsman.

A. A. General.

Office Bureau Tusculum Ala

June 12, 66

Jno A. Green to

Col. Callis.

June 12th 1866.

Dear Sir:

The following is a true copy of an order from myself to A.H. Keller, and his reply to me.

Tusculum June 11, 1866.

A.H. Keller -

Dear Sir:

You will deliver to Eleanor Keller, colored, her son Henry to say that I gave you an order to have apprenticed to you in Feb or March last. I will also instruct the Probate Judge of this County to set aside his order apprenticing said boy.

Yours Respectfully Jno A Green.

Franklin Co Alabama.

The Probate Judge of this (Franklin) County has my bond with official security for faithful performance of my duty as Guardian of the boy Henry, when he returns that bond with an order to deliver him up I will do so

Signed, A.H. Keller.

Col.

I send you this to let you see that I will obey all reasonable orders and that I have been prompt in the discharge of your order. We have no mail from this to the Court House 16 miles distant and have to rely upon chance to convey messages between the points just as soon as possible. I will direct the Judge of Probate to set aside his letter of apprenticeship in the above case.

Yours Most Respectfully

Jno A. Green Agent

June 13, 66

Montgomery Ala June 9, 1866.

Edwin Beecher to

Col. Callis:

Colonel:

On making up the accounts after I had expressed the money to you today I discovered that one of the accounts, H. Solomon, was not signed by you. Will you please sign and return to me as soon as convenient.

Yours Truly

Edwin Beecher

June 13, 66

Edwin Becher to
Col. Callis -

Colonel:

I enclose Express receipt for \$557.58 which I sent you today. I enclose a sett of Pay accounts which I could not well get in the other package.

Truly Yours.

Edwin Becher

Montgomery Ala June 9, 66

June 13, 66

Cyrus Sharp (Col'd) to
Col. Callis.

Sir:

Mr Caulfield & Carpenter have not paid me anything yet and they don't act as if they intended to. They have not brought my wife back yet. Mr Carpenter says he wrote down somewhere he sold her to see if she was there and that is all they have done towards getting her. It looks like slow justice for us blackmen. We thought our Government and officers would see that rebels and kidnappers should pay for robbing us. I am poor and ignorant and a black man, Mr Carpenter and Mr Caulfield are rich and educated and white men. I was free and they kidnapped me. They stole my wife and sold her into slavery. You had them arrested and said they should bring my wife back and pay me. They have not so. Will they be made to do as you ordered, or will the matter drop as a farce? Please write & tell me what is to be done.

Very Respectfully

Cyrus Sharp, Col.

Stevenson Ala June 12, 66

Bridgeport Ala June 12, 66

Col. Sheffield to
Col. Callis -

Sir: I am here and in great distress. I went from Huntsville to Nashville, bought 140 sacks corn by authority of the Govt of the State, for distribution - got ^{it} here on Saturday - telegraphed to Chattanooga for steam boat - heard nothing from it - hired a man yesterday to take the corn, and the rations for Sparks and myself on a flat boat (the rations were piled on the river bank & in a very bad condition - a great many of the crackers spoiled, several barrels of the pork gone and nearly all of the heads out of the barrels, and ^{Bacon} Rice. In short it seemed as the rations were likely to be destroyed. I had the boat loaded about dark, and about 9 o'clock she sprung a leak and with all the assistance that could be had, she sunk. We saved about 38 or 40 bbls of pork, 4 bbls molasses, 2 bbls of vinegar, & only 40 loaves of very hard bread. We had not got Sparks' bread aboard.

It is lamentable but cannot be helped. I was doing my best to get the rations to the people. I worked harder on yesterday, in loading & trying to save the boat last night than I ever did in my life. I hope no censure will be attached to me for the loss of the provisions.

Respectfully

Yr Obed Servant
J. L. Sheffield.

Agent.

June 13thCol E. Rucker to
Col J. B. Callis.

Montgomery Ala

June 9, 1866.

Colonel -

I enclose herewith \$471.50
in payment of Voucher as per list enclosed.
Also \$86.08 to pay Voucher sent or handed to Dr
Kipp by Dr Fitch, making in the aggregate \$557.58.

I return four Vouchers for correction. The
General objects to approving them unless it clearly
appears that the articles purchased at the services
rendered were for the use of the Bureau. This should
appear on all accounts. I would add that statement
as I am satisfied it is all right, but when such
corrections are made in different hands writings, it some-
times creates suspicion, or at least gives captious clerks
at Washington something to find fault about. Please
make the correction & return & I will forward the
money.

The acct for printing I must submit to the Genl
for further inspection, together with our orders from the
Sec. of War on that subject, before paying it. We have
not time to make the examination now.

I enclose blank pay accounts two sets. We
are now ordered to pay the 50^c rations. Retain the
\$39.90 on former acct and we will straighten that up
when I visit you, which I expect to do, either the
last of this month or the first of next.

Truly Yours

Edwin Rucker

List of Vouchers recd from Col Callis.

R. B. Norvell	\$45.50
D. C. Rugg	52.00
C. Reeder	52.00
C. H. Stewart	45.50
R. F. Montgomery	52.00
Hassett & Co	12.70
H. Solomon	15.00
D. Le Sisson	97.50
Wallace Moser	8.00
McCauley & Co	15.00
M. Patterson	50.00
J. H. Sledge	8.00
John Lusk	8.00
Davy Jones	18.00
Davy Bradford	39.00
	<u>\$590.20</u>

Received from Dr Fitch.

Isaac Hanson	5.00
Burke & Peabody	11.95
Walton Phillip	3.15
Burke & Peabody	2.00
Receipt Roll	64.00
	<u>\$86.08</u>

676.28

Am't recd by Col Callis

as per acct rendered 118.70

Also Money sent herewith 557.58

676.28

E. Rucker

June 14th 86
S. S. Anderson to
Col Cullis.

Frankfort Ala.
June 12th / 86

Dear Sir:-

I received a letter from H. H. Keller of Tusculum, Ala. last evening, who informs me that he had - according to the law governing such proceedings, a colored boy named Henry Celay, bound or apprenticed to him several months since, and which the records of this office will show to be so; and furthermore that it was done by the sanction and authority both of Geo. A. Brown, Agt of the Bureau at Tusculum, and Mr Goodfellow who is also connected with the Bureau. These are facts which Mr Keller informs me he can substantiate. Mr Keller has complied with the requirements of the law regulating matters of that character, entered into a bond for the faithful performance of his duty, which is recorded in my office. He has now appealed to me as Judge of the Probate Court for this County, which Court has jurisdiction over white minors. The mother of said boy has been absent from the state nearly five years and has forfeited her right to care for & provide for said boy. The facts are the facts in the case, as I conceive it. Hoping to hear from you very soon on the subject. I am

Yours Respectfully

S. S. Anderson, Probate Judge

June 15-86
O. D. Kineman to
Col Cullis.

Montgomery Ala June 11 / 86.

Colonel:-

I send by today's mail:

Six 16/ Blanks Widows applications for arrears of Pay &c.
Six 16/ " Fathers " "
Two 12/ " "Powers of Attorney"
Six 16/ " Mothers applications for arrears of Pay &c."

I send you all the blanks "Powers of Attorney" in the office to blanks for "Soldiers applications for arrears of Pay and Bounty & Pension" have yet been rec'd.

Very Respectfully

O. D. Kineman

A. A. G.

Office Bureau R. F. T. A. L.

Athens Ala. June 18th / 86

June 18th
James Danforth to
Col J. B. Cullis.

I rec'd your order this morning in regard to the B. F. Scott difficulty. On Wed. last I sent him an order to settle and report to this office all of which he refused to. I have again ordered him to report at this office for trial on Monday next, which I suppose he will refuse to do again. I have no means of enforcing a compliance of my order. Recently I have had engagements of several such cases - fights where both parties engaged in the knocking - and generally the parties have settled the difficulties between themselves. I most respectfully request you to furnish me with General, and positive orders

orders on the subject, also the means of enforcing the same. I cannot find any direct instructions amongst my orders relative to fights, quarrels, and splitting, in short all grievances between the colored and white population. I have generally acted by the dictates of my own feelings, and advised all parties to keep peace and amicably adjust their own differences, a good many in a trivial way occur and are settled between themselves without a resort to law or other compulsion.

Please give me direct instructions that will cover Scott's case and let me have it by Monday morning next as he is ordered to report here at that time or may come. I know what my feelings dictate on the subject but do not know what power I have. The white population throw themselves on the protection of the civilians and officers which would not give colored people much showing. I had thought of corresponding with you pretty freely, but have got along so smoothly I have hitherto let it slip. If you will furnish me with the power and means of enforcing compliance, I'll keep every thing straight in this county. I have two other cases similar to Scott's, which are not yet settled to my satisfaction, and the white parties positively refuse to do anything. The instructions in Scott's case will cover every thing.

With assurances, Sir, that I will promptly discharge my duties when I understand them

I remain

Your Obedt Servant
J. Hanforth.

Astoria June 15th 1866

Y B Jones to
Col Callis.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 11th inst. is at hand and contents noted.

In reply I beg leave to say that in the year 1864 I was in the employ of the U.S. mil. R.R. under the direction of Col Jos C Crane A. L. M. and that I was in the Pay Department and in consequence of my position I would not have been allowed to take a power of attorney for the collection of any money due an employer hence you will see that Peter Sample, sold, is in error.

He never gave me a power of attorney nor did I ever collect any money that was due to him.

If there was money due him I suppose his name will appear on the Pay Rolls and I suppose the Pay Rolls are now in the possession of Capt S. R. Hamble A. L. M. in charge of 1st. Cavalry R. Roads &c.

Your Obedt Servant
Y. B. Jones

War Dept. O. R. F. & L.

Washington D.C. June 18, 1866

Wm Fowler to
Col Callis. Cabonah.

In compliance with your telegram, dated June 11, 1866, I have the honor to transmit by today's mail 200 blank blank forms and instructions for arrears of Pay & Bounty. Please acknowledge receipt.

I am, Sir, Wm Fowler A. L. M.

June 8-66

H. A. Ashmun to
Col. CallisU. S. Sanitary Commission
1317 Chestnut Street Phila.
June 12th 1866

Dr Sir:

The claim of Patrick Moore, referred to in your letter of the 28th ult. has been returned from the Department at Washington with the statement that the soldier received the sum of \$300 while in service and that no more bounty is due him. If he will give up and return the enclosed order, his discharge certificate will be sent him by mail.

Yours Respectfully
H. A. Ashmun.

June 18-66

J. Danforth to
Col. Callis -

Athens Ala. June 18, 1866

By Telegraph.

Scott and Fanny are on trial. Fanny will not settle on any terms. Scott is ready and willing to settle. No witnesses. She refuses to settle by contract, very quarrelsome. Please order in premises.

J. Danforth. Agt.

June 20-66

Hugh Carlisle to
Col. Callis.Tusculum June 18th 1866

Sir:

Your favor of the 14th inst has been received. The pressure of my planting interests and the anxiety to get out of my grass difficulties have prevented me from visiting Huntsville as soon as I expected. As I have heretofore stated, I am willing to settle the Billy Lane claim on fair & equitable basis and in strict accordance with justice.

Under the circumstances in which the matter was brought before you for adjudication, I cannot, I cannot determine to your action, but I do think that the parties interested, knowing as they do, all the facts constituting the transaction of hiring &c, should be willing to accept a proposition similar to that which other parties, in like circumstances, accepted, to which I took occasion to refer in my last communication to you.

Today I will put myself in correspondence with Mr Rich Davis, and endeavor to adjust the matter if I can, and if I can't the law will have to take its course.

Thanking you for your courtesy and consideration
Yours truly -

I am &c &c

Hugh Carlisle

June 20-66

E. Busch to
Col. Callis.

Montgomery Ala June 16, 66

Col.:

I sent you this morning by Express \$291.⁵⁰ and enclosed Express receipt for same.

Yours Truly

Edwin Busch.

June 16/66 Col Beecher to Montgomery Ala June 16-66
Col Callis -

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 13th inst. is recd this morning. I enclose herewith \$291.81. in payment of the following vouchers:

For yourself -	224.32	
" H. B. Figures	20.	
" Harrison Cole	2.75	
" Telegraph Co.	30.89	
" W. L. Murray & Co	8.60	
" Leftwich & Hereford	5.25	\$291.81

On your account current, and in your letter of the 15th you have the acct of Leftwich & Hereford \$5.75. The items are as follows: 3 kals oil \$3.75 One chimney \$0.25. One sprinkler \$1.25 which makes \$5.25 only instead of \$5.75.

I believe you neglected to send your order placing you on duty. Please remind me of it when I visit you that I may endorse this payment on it.

Yours Truly
Edwin Beecher

June 21/66 Col Beecher to Montgomery Ala June 18 1866
Col Callis.

Dear Sir:-

I send herewith \$195⁰⁰ which you will oblige me by paying one half to Dr E. P. Fitch and one half to Dr J. P. Day in payment of their acct for May. I send in this manner as the expense is only one half what it would be to send to each one direct -

Yours Truly
Edwin Beecher

June 24/66 Wm Halster to Kossuth, Indian Territory Miss.
Col Callis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to enquire if you know anything of Lieut Biggo of the 110th Regt of Colored Troops. He was to collect our bounty and write or send the money to me at Kossuth Miss. He belonged to the 110th U.S.C.T. and left my discharge papers with him and he was to collect the money. I have written to him several times and cannot get any answer. And if you know anything of him please write to me at Kossuth and let me know. We have all the discharge papers of the Company. Yours in haste
William Halster.

June 24/66 W. C. Garrison to Blount Co Ala June 19 66.
Col Callis.

Sir:-

You will please transport the ration for the month of July to Guntersville by the middle of that month as I have ordered the boats to furnish a wagon each and send to G- and haul direct to the place of issue and I will divide them at that point. Judge Moore positively refuses to do anything toward making the Co. pay the hauling, but wants the control himself, and to pay out of the rations. I told them publicly that should not be done that the boats could and must haul to the destitute of their boats and let the pay, and I think they will all do so. I want to know if there is any way to get at Moore to make him do his duty or put him out of office. I want to work on him a while now -

Yours
W. C. Garrison Agent

June 25-66

Chas J. Kipp is
Col. Callis.

Head Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office Surgeon in Chief
Montgomery Ala June 21, 1866

Sir:-

I have been informed by A.A. Surg. J. B. Ong, U.S.A. in charge of Small Pox Hosp. that he cannot obtain the necessary clothing for patients about to be discharged from his Hospital.

Please to inform me whether you have no clothing on hand; and if so please to make requisition on the Quartermaster at these Head Quarters for as much clothing as you think will be required for distribution in your District in the next six months.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Charles J. Kipp.

Surg. U.S.A.

June 25-66

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 21, 66
O.D. Kinsman to
Col. Callis - Colonel:-

The estimate of the number of rations to be issued in the several counties of the State for the month of July 1866 has been determined, and in your Dist. will be as follows.

Madison County	Per diem	330
Jackson "	"	420
Limestone "	"	300
Lauderdale "	"	300

Madison County	Per diem	360
Franklin "	"	300
Lawrence "	"	300
Winston "	"	330
Morgan "	"	360
Cherokee "	"	480
DeKalb "	"	480
Blount "	"	420
Marshall "	"	420
Total		4800

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
O.D. Kinsman
A. A. Lieut.

June 25, Wm Fowler Atty.
To Col Geo B Callis
Colonel:

War Dept Bureau of Pensions &c
Washington June 19, 1866

I enclose Copy of letter received from
Commissioner of Pensions in the Claim of Ellen
Walden for Pension. A new declaration is required
with proof of marriage as required be enclosed in
Circular (17) from Pension Bureau

Enclosed please find proper form of declaration
Very Respectfully
Wm Fowler

Decatur Ala June 25th 1866

June 26 Mr Elmhurst Esq To
Col Geo B Callis

Sir: At the request of Rose a freed
woman formerly belonging to me, I write to in-
quire something about the course necessary to ob-
tain the amt due by the U.S. Govt to her late husband
who was a private in the 11th U.S. Col and who was
killed in action May 30th 1865

Respectfully
Wm Elmhurst

June 27

O.D. Kinsman to
Col Callis.

Montgomery Ala June 27, 1866

{ Telegram }
Notice reduced estimate + send
to Probate Judge Cherokee Co.

O.D. Kinsman
Adj

June 28

Chattanooga Tenn June 26, 1866

Colonel:

I will write you a few lines to let you
know that I have not received my money. If
it has come I wish you would send it to me,
as I am a poor old black woman. Write to
me and let me know about this thing.

From Pleasant Reeves

Female College Huntsville Ala June 28, 66

Wilson Prof J. E. To
Col. J. B. Callis

Sir: Yours of the morning directing me
to hand over to you the keys of Southern Methodist Af-
rican Church in this place is before me. I have
only to state that said property was turned over
to me by order of May O'aleston. But Com^d as he
was ordered to do by order from Genl Thomas dated
May 11th 1866. I must therefore be at me comply-
ing with your demand.

Respectfully
J. E. Wilson Secy
Board of Trustees, S.M.A. Church South

Galesburg Ill June 24, 1866

Knowles H C To

Col. Callie, Just

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. respecting a receipt presented at your office in favor of Robt Abner (Col), payable on demand, which would have been complied with at any time during my connection with the Service, had it been called for, or the parties been present when I was last present. Since my discharge from the Service I have been under medical treatment for some eyes, having been quite blinded and at present am recovering sufficient to be around but unable to attend to any business yet, the misfortune has caused me great trouble, and has consumed all my means, and in reply to your communication as to my inclination and ability in the matter would say my inclination and intention are good but at the present time was without the ability to do as my inclination would in the matter and can only say when I get able to do anything will go to work and will endeavor to make all satisfactory when I have earned the means to do so. Until then I can do nothing financially or otherwise that I know of. Having no means whatever and dependent on my own exertions for a support. In consideration of which I am, Col. Very Respectfully, &c.

H. C. Knowles

Galesburg Ill June 26th 1866

Patterson A Worley

To Col Callie

I leave again to Duluth today & will return Friday, when I will send up my reports as well as the reports for Johnston. I am in hope the returns may be here so I may issue on Monday.

Respectfully

A. Worley Patterson

Jones P. & Stance J. J.

To Col Callie

Jones Lane M & C R R June 28, 1866

We received your address concerning Harrison Taylor and William Fowler. Taylor is a worthless fellow. Fowler is a good hand. Today Fowler had a difficulty with Henry Tucker, who was employed the rest of the year. Tucker failed to give satisfaction as a foreman and refused to make a hand. He left the place on his own accord two weeks ago. At the time he reported Fowler's wife as coming out of a public house, and not being a decent woman. He whipped her today for talking such trash about his family. Near to the testimony of witnesses. He was under oath said Fowler slapped Henry Tucker by the back of the head, kicked him twice with his foot. George Smith testified to the same under oath. Henry Tucker took hold of Fowler and was slapped back, he then legged Fowler and was kicked. Charles Edwards also testified to the same. If this is not enough with me, I do not wish my hands to lose time out of the field. You have been very kind to us. I will spare no pains in complying with your wishes.

Respectfully

J. J. Stance agent
for Ragland farm for J. Jones

Jones Paul & Corraler rates the above

July 3^d

Dauphin James

Athens Ala July 1st 1866

To Col Callie: The foregoing report of destitute African and Citizens of Sumner Co Ala for the month ending 1st July 1866 is most respectfully submitted. It will be perceived that the application to this office for aid is still on the increase both for Colored and White Citizens, and I have the honor to most respectfully report that great relief has been rendered to the County through the agency of your Bureau.

Respectfully

James Dauphin
AgentJuly 3^d

Green Jno W. To

Tusculum Ala July 2^d 1866.

Col Callie: Inclosed find my report of Issue for the month of June. I have no school report to make for June, there being now no Freedmen's Schools in the place. The last teacher Miss Brown, left some days since. Teachers are needed here. I received my July rations this day all in good order, one barrel of lard bread short. Bill Ludwig calls for thirty nine parcels. Thirty eight only came to hand. I am truly sorry the number of rations have been reduced. The destitution is daily increasing in this County. I have the honor to be

Jno W. Green Agent

July 3^d

Tenge C A

Florence Ala July 1st 1866

To Col Callie: Inclosed you will find report of rations for the month of June. Rations for the month of June Received in full. I also send you school report. I have a few rations on hand from the month of June, which I shall continue to issue. I have not received any clothing which you promised me. I sent you the names of the Colored people in my last report before this of the most needy; but there is a good many more that are any needy indeed. Everything is going on smoothly as can be expected. Health very good all over the County. The school teacher will read his report himself.

Very Respectfully
C. A. Tenge, AgentJuly 5th 66F. L. Cramer to
Col Callie.

Moulton Alabama July 2, 1866

Dear Sir:

Our friend Gray wants to be Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for the County of Morgan. Knowing that you have the controlling power in the appointment, I earnestly ask your influence for Gray. He is my old 2^d M. and a gentleman eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the Bureau.

I am so
F. L. Cramer.

July 5th

J. J. Giers to
Col. Collins

Decatur Ala July 3, 1866

Dear Sir:-

I have just returned
here from Memphis, en route for Galhamsboro,
where I hope to meet with you to-morrow.
As A. M. Patterson has left here for Iuka,
you will need another Agent here, and
I would most respectfully recommend
to you my friend G. M. Pater, a citizen
& landowner, whom I have known for
nearly two years as a reliable and hon-
orable gentleman. Excuse haste and
believe me truly yours
J. J. Giers

July 5, 66

Wm F Mitchell to
Col Collins
Nauluckit Mass June 27, 1866

Res. Friend:-

Your interesting letter of
the 1st inst lies before me. Accept my thanks
for the information it contains.
When in Pittsburg
the other day the Executors of a valuable estate con-
sulted me with reference to the propriety of erecting
a good building in Huntsville for the purposes of
education of the Freedmen. A large sum of money
is at their disposal, left for the aid of the
colored people of the United States. After some
considerable discussion of the subject it was
concluded that it was important that the good
will of the Governor of Ala. & the leading men of
Huntsville should be sought before venturing

upon a large outlay. An act of incorporation from
the Legislature of Ala. might be of advantage together
with a feature of state control.

Of course, in locating an
institution of this kind, due regard would be had
to such locality in Huntsville as would interfere with
any white citizens, and care would be taken to
avoid such Teachers as would attend strictly to their
own business.

Of course it will be some time before the
proposed building can be erected. In the mean
time if we can get a building which will seat
from three hundred to four hundred pupils at a
fair rent, we shall open early in September.

Any expense incurred in providing for such
a room will be cheerfully met.

Will you favor me with the name of
your host and his address Sec of State his
address and that of any leading citizen of
Huntsville who is kindly disposed. I should
esteem it a favor.

My impression is that the Executive
contemplates an institution for the education
of colored Teachers & that the proposed building
should be on a larger scale than any for the
purpose hitherto erected in the South.

I shall endeavor to have goods
ready to meet your exigencies. In the distribution
of stores I hope this fall to have the needy
class of whites included. In all which we under-
take I think you will agree with me a spirit of
courtesy to the residents of the points occupied by
us is not only our best policy, but a Christian
duty.

I am &c Wm F Mitchell
Supt Pa. Freedmen Relief

Monrovia Ala July 6, 1866

Myde Wm H Ayl

To Col Callis: After my respects (de) Sir, I presume
the Gov intends to pay sub agt of the Freedmen
Bureau of the different Counties of your District
Southern Ala for their services, if so, please inform
me how I shall proceed to collect the same. I
have served since the 20th Feb'y 1866 and have
expended a good many dollars of my own
private money, and have never been compensat-
ed individually one cent by the operation.
Will you please let me know all the particulars and
oblige yours respectfully
Wm H Ayl
Bureau Monrovia Co.

Bullock But Col &
Chf Dist Officer

War Department
B. R. F. and A. S.
Washington June 28th 1866

To Col Callis.

Sir:

Your accounts for Jan
and Feb. 1866, forwarded by the 3rd Auditor of
the Treasury for the administrative action of this
office, have been examined and returned to him
for final settlement. The following action has
been taken on the vouchers noted.

January Account

To 18 \$659⁴⁰ disallowed. You must furnish
some order for refunding this money as well as
the original receipt, copies not allowed.

I notice you pay out in
Feb \$192⁰⁰ more than you receive, and Col
Bullock rec'd from you Feb 21. \$59.29 which

you do not enter on your account for Feb. It just
balances your Jan'y acct, as rendered, but you
should have taken it up as cash on hand Feb. 1
and then charged it on your account Current as
transferred to him, and sent his receipt as a check.
Please explain about the \$192⁰⁰

Yours Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Geo. W. Bullock &

By order of
Maj. Gen. O. Howard
Commissioner

But Col & Chf Dist Officer

War Department

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. S.

Washington June 25, 1866

Order A. A. Gent

To

But Major Genl Wagon Emmons

Asst Com^d State of Ala.

Genl:

I have
the honor to invite your attention to an omis-
sion in the blank declarations in claims of
colored soldiers, seamen and their heirs for ar-
rears of pay or pension. The judicial or
other officer before whom the declarations are
executed should certify as follows; "And I hereby
certify that the foregoing declarations and affidavits
were carefully read over, and contents explained
to declarant and affiant before they signed and
made oath to the same, and that I have no
interest whatever in this application."

In all additional evidence the offi-
cers should state their disinterestedness in

the claims in question, and the judicial or other officer, before whom the paper is executed, should in addition to his certificate as required in duplicate declarations, certify to their credibility.

Please call the attention of all officers of the Bureau under you, who forward claims to this office, to this omission.

Dear General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Wm Fowler

A. A. G.

Official Copy respectfully referred to
to Post Col Jno B Garris, Supt at
Huntsville Ala.

By order of Maj Geo Wagon Smayn
O. D. Kinsman
A. A. G.

Caldwell

John

Pension Agt.

To Col Garris.

Sir,

Monroville July 5, 1866

Enclosed find \$116.⁰⁰
Amt of Elvira Toney's pension to March
4, 1866.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedt Servant

John Caldwell

Pension Agt

U.S. Sanitary Commission
Protective War Claims Agency

W. A. Ashman

1307 Chestnut St. Phila.

July 6, 1866

Patrick Moore

Care of Col. J. B. Garris

Sir:

Enclosed find your discharge certificate returned to you agreeably to your request of the 29th ult. Please acknowledge receipt by return mail.

W. A. Ashman

U.S. San. Com.

Head Quarters, Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala July 6, 1866

O. D. Maj.

To

Col J. B. Garris

Colonel:

Your communication of the 30th ult. with accompanying Report of orders for transportation issued is received. I have the honor to enclose herewith six (6) more orders for transportation.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

O. D. Kinsman

Post Maj. & A. A. G.

Fowler

Maj. Wm

A. G. To

Col J. B. Collins

Col:

War Dept. D. R. F. & A. L.
Washington July 5, 1866

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th ult. requesting to be furnished with blanks, and instructions for collecting communication of rations for men while held as prisoners of war. The blanks called for, will be sent you as soon as printed.

The bill equalizing boundaries has not passed the Senate, and some doubt exists as to its passage by that body. As generally understood the bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, makes no distinction as to color, and excludes no class of soldiers, but those who enlisted as substitutes. Should the bill pass, you will be duly notified of the fact and the provisions of the bill fully made known to you through the Asst. Commr of the State.

I am & remain

Very Respectfully re
Wm. Fowler.

A. a. Gent

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Athens Ala July 9. 66

Dauphine

J. To

Col Collins:

I have had a case of sickness which has terminated fatally, of a destitute colored woman. She came here last Spring from Tennessee and about a month ago was

taken down sick. When she first came she seemed to be in such bad health as to be unable to earn a living. I issued her rations regularly, and she obtained permission from another colored woman to stay in her house. Being entirely destitute, and without friends I had to employ a physician to wait on her. She died last week & I had her to bury.

The Doctors Bill, the undertakers Bill, and the old woman's bill with whom she staid, I had to pay out of my own means, amounting to \$3.00.

As there is no funds in the Bureau here, can I be reimbursed? There are no fees pertaining to the Agency here now as all the contracts were made before I entered upon the duties of the office.

I have had a good many cases of sickness, but this is the only case that has been extra expense. I furnish sick cases of both classes with such sick rations as are furnished, i.e. Molasses, Tia's Rice, which is a very poor ration indeed. In such cases, I would like to be informed how to proceed. The freedmen in this County look on the Agent here as their Alma Mater, and apply to him for all remedies. I am unable to supply them with clothing, medicines &c. There are a great many old and infirm, and orphan children, who are an entire charity, and daily apply to me for aid. All I can do is to furnish them rations. I would like to see their other wants relieved, but have no means.

Times are so hard here that personal charity is an attribute that does not exist. If there is any mode by which you can render any assistance outside of rations, please inform me.

I remain

Yours truly

J. Dauphine

Agent

Brown Bt Brig Gen 02.
 2. M. Gen's Office
 Washington D.C. June 2, 1866

to
 Maj. Genl Donaldson
 Genl

You are respectfully requested
 to furnish this office with any information
 you may be able to obtain concerning the past
 and present loyalty of Benjamin Snodgrass
 of Scottsboro Alabama.

By order of the 2. M. Genl
 O. D. Brown.

Bt Brig Genl
 in chg 5th Div

Report to Genl S. on the case of E. B. page 84

Canner Col F. L.
 Moulton Ala. July 2, 1866
 To Maj Gen Swaine.
 Dear Sir:

As the Agency of Freed-
 men's Bureau for Morgan Co. is vacant I ear-
 nestly ask you to cause Lt Gray of Decatur
 Ala to be appointed Agent. I have long
 known Lt Wm S. Gray who was R. L. M. of
 the 1st Fed. Ala. Cav. And I know him to be
 a gentleman every way qualified to discharge
 the duties of the position. By appointing Lt
 Gray you will confer a favor on

Yours Respectfully
 F. L. Canner
 late Col 1st Fed Ala Cav

See E. B. page 84

Office of Agt Bureau Decatur Ala July 9, 1866

Albion Al Worley To
 Col Calli

I herein in close my monthly report for
 June. I have not made up estimates for July in
 consequence of the great reduction in rations sent
 to this County. The supply does not near meet
 the demand, yet a hungry people will be greatly
 obliged for as liberal rations as you can possibly
 send them. No contracts approved the present
 month

Kenn, Rich, &c
 Attorney Patterson
 Agt for Morgan Co.

Office of Agt Bureau, Decatur July 9, 1866

Albion Al Worley To
 Col Calli

I have the honor to send you my
 resignation as Agt of the 13th Bt A. L. for
 Morgan County to take effect on the
 last day of July inst. In retiring
 from the agency of the Bureau I beg to return
 my sincere acknowledgments to the superin-
 tended and those connected with his office
 for their kindness and indulgence in my feeble efforts
 to do my duty in a very trying, unprofitable and
 laborious position. It will always be a
 source of pleasure in my new home to number
 yourself and assistants among my friends.

Yours Respectfully
 A. Worley Patterson
 Agt &c.

Chief Agency M. F. Co.
Washington D.C. July 6th 1866.

Bacon W. J. To

Mrs. Chauncy Perrow (Care Col. Allen)

In all cases where the of-
ficial subscribe to an affidavit by Mark the rule
of the 2^d Auditor's Office require each such
signature to be attested by the signature of two
witnesses who write their names. Your claim for arrears
of Payd County on acct of Jas Perrow Co D 12th
U.S.C. is defective in this particular, and
a new declaration is therefore required.

Respectfully Yours

W. J. Bacon

Col. (1st)

Office A. A. D.M.

14th Dist of Ala

Montgomery Ala July 9, 66

Browning Lt Col F.

A. A. G. M. To

Col. Cullis.

Col.

I have the honor to call
your attention to the report (called for by Circular
No 3 War Dept B. R. F. & E. Washington D.C.
April 23, 1866) pertaining to the Quarter ending
June 30, 1866. Please forward the report as
soon as convenient, so I can make up my
Consolidated report with as little delay as
possible.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Geo. F. Browning

Lt & R. B. A. A. G. M.

16th Dist of Ala.

Montgomery Ala July 11, 66

Major O. D. To

Col. Cullis.

Colonel:

The estimate of the number
of rations to be issued in the several counties of the
State has been decreased, and in your District
will be as follows:

Madison Co per diem	220	Monroe Co per diem	220
Jackson " "	280	Morgan " "	240
Limestone " "	200	Choctaw " "	320
Landersdale " "	200	DeKalb " "	320
Marion " "	240	Bibb " "	280
Franklin " "	200	Marshall " "	280
Lawrence " "	200		
			Total
			3200.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

O. D. Robinson

Col Maj. A. A. G.

County Jno. To

Col. Cullis.

Stevenson Ala July 16, 1866

We have in this community two Refugee
families viz: Mahala Vandegriff & 4 children, & one
Dalton Ga. Lucinda Barnes and one child home
Sweet water E. Tenn, both delicate, feeble women
unable to support themselves. Can you give
them transportation to their homes, where they
have friends who can take care of them?

Jno W. Canby
Sub. Agt. B. R. F. & E.

Patterson A. H. To

Col Bullis:

Inuka Springs Hotel
July 14, 1866

You will see by the enclosed, what is wanted. please have a copy of the report I made to you made out and forwarded to the Adj't Genl, as I have not the dates here whereby to make them correctly.

By so doing you will much oblige

Respectfully

A. Morley Patterson

H^d Qrs Dept of the South

Macon Ga. July 3rd / 1866

Wmiger A. Ramsey

A. A. G. To

A. H. Patterson:

Sir

Brevet Major

General C. R. Woods directs me to ask of you any information you may be able to furnish concerning the violation of his parole by J. H. King late Col in the Rebel army. He was arrested last winter by Col Johnson late Commander District Huntsville and released upon bail.

It has been reported to the Major General Comdg Military Division of Tenn. that since his arrest he has again violated his parole. Will you please forward to the Head Quarters, such statements concerning this man as you may be able to give

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

A Ramsey Weiniger

A. A. G.

Wmiger A. H. To

Col Bullis:

Col:

Gadsden, July 11th 1866

I have the honor to hand you enclosed two receipts of Judge Standefer for Govt supplies turned over to him under your order. I hope Col you will pardon me for the liberty I have taken of sending you a true copy of a letter received from the Hon Mr Crinkshanks, dated the 9th June and not received until the 7th inst. I would be pleased to hear from you at any time my kind regards to the young man Mr Jennings.

I have the honor to be Col

Your Obedt Servant

D. C. Surratt

Savannah July 16, 1866

J. A. To

Col Bullis:

Sir:

Enclosed I send you copy of a letter, and ask instruction as to what to do in the premises. The facts in the case as I learn them are about these: Shortly after the surrender, Mammal Hooks (cold), was then living in Lawrence Co. Ala and charged with, and tried for stealing, as stated in letter from Wardsworth, and by him released from jail, and by him tried, and acquitted. Afterwards arrested by the Sheriff of Lawrence Co and put in Moulton jail, from which he escaped, last winter, owing to this, Franklin Co in the early part of this year, and hired to Messrs Dean and Russell, and some few more since the same Sheriff came to this Co, and ar-

rested him again, and on way to prison, Mammal again escaped, and returned a short time since with this letter from Hardsworth, and is at his usual labor. I understand to day that the sheriff of Lawrence Co. is about getting up a posse for the purpose of coming down to this County for the purpose of recapturing the man Mammal. Is it right for him to be thus harassed and kept from labor? Cannot you put a stop to such proceedings? And are not the parties liable for damages? Let me hear from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Green Agt

Hardsworth S. R. To
J. H. Green.

Sir:

Decatur Junction June 29 66

By order of Brig. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk. Asst Commr of Refugees, Freedmen and A. S. of Ky, Tenn & North Ala, I released Mammal Hooks cold, out of the Moulton jail, he being charged with horse stealing, procuring witnesses, William Hooks. Was tried before C. H. Stanley and J. M. Carter J. P's and committed to jail. Aug 17 1865. The Court at the time having no jurisdiction in the above case. I was then ordered, being the agent of the District, to release said Mammal Hooks cold, and try him in the Freedmen's Court, which was done, and he, Mammal Hooks was acquitted for want of sufficient proof.

(Signed) S. R. Hardsworth

Sand Mountain Ala
July, 16, 1866

J. L. To
Ed. Callis

Dear Sir:-

After my respects to you, I wish to inform you as to what is going on in this section of Country. There is a band of rebels in this section of Country who are holding secret meetings for the purpose of notifying men who have formerly been in the U.S. service, who are known as Tories, to leave their homes, and their plan is to give them 10 days notice to leave the Country, and if they do not leave, all are to be taken up and hanged, all to be done in the night, so as to prevent the mob from being detected. I ask your honor to put this up in proper shape and forward it to proper authorities, as we claim protection under the Govt of the U.S., which has been promised us by the President and U.S. Congress. The day after the Bull Run fight, Congress passed a law that was made for no other purpose than to crush the Rebellion and that all loyal men to the U.S. should be protected. We, under the present circumstances claim to be the only subjugated party, and we earnestly ask for protection. I could give you the names of a number that belong to the mob at this time, if it were necessary. If there are any soldiers left, let them be sent to me and I will go and show these men. If there cannot be something done with them by the Government I will raise a company of men and go and kill them out, let it result in what it may.

You will please write to me by the bearer what you think will be done. There are two of these men acting as Justices of the Peace.

John I. Sparks
Agt

Tringe C. A. To
Col Callis. Florence Ala July 17/1866

Enclosed I hand you receipt for property shipped on the 29th of June. All came to hand safe. Everything going on quietly health good. Goods are detained at Tusculum longer than is necessary, generally several days getting across from there to this place. Some of the old destitute Freedmen are much in need of clothing. If you have any on hand you will please forward me some.

Yours Respectfully
C. A. Tringe.
Ag^t B. R. F. & Ad.

B. R. F. and A. L. S. Office of Asst. Supt.
Livingston Nelson Co. Va. July 7th 1866.

R. S. Lacy
Capt. A. C. M. & Supt.
Capt.

Sandy Christian Freedman has made application to me, to learn something in relation to his son Sandy, aged 16 and daughter Joanna aged 12, who were sent from this Co. to David Clarkson at Van Buren, Ark. about twelve years ago—

David Clarkson inherited the children. Christian wishes to know if his children are living— and also desires them to return. Letters directed to them since the war have never been answered. David Clarkson is dead and the children are supposed to be living with his heirs. Sandy's address is Morris Mills Nelson County Va.

I have the honor to be Capt.

Very respectfully your obed^t servant
Louis W. Stevenson

2nd Lt. V. R. Co. 1st Dist. Regt.

See C. A. Page 92.

morning Lt. Geo. P.

A. A. L. M. S.

Col Callis:

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala July 18, 1866

I have the honor herewith, to transmit Requisitions for Stationary, requiring your signature. Please sign and return as soon as practicable. I am sorry to state that I could not fill your requisition but will send you the first opportunity, the amount the enclosed requisitions and receipts call for, hoping it will prove satisfactory. Shipped today as per receipts enclosed.

I remain

Very Respectfully

Geo B. Browning.

Lt. V. R. Co. A. A. L. M.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D. C. July 17, 1866

Thomas Maj Gen Chas. S.
Col Geo. Callis:

Sir:

Your Return of Quartermaster's Stores as Superintendent B. R. F. Regt. A. L. for the month of June 1866, has been received, and when examined will be sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which you will be duly notified.

By order of the Q. M. Genl.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Chas Thomas

A. L. M. Genl.

Becher Col Edwin

Montgomery Ala July 19, 1866

To
Col Geo B. Callis:

Dear Sir:

We have searched in the Adjutant-General's Office here, and can find nothing of the order in relation to refunding the money to Mr Clark. Col Ladd suggests that Mr Goodfellow has the paper. Perhaps you had better write to him and see if you can ascertain anything about it. I send pay accounts for the difference in the commutation of rations. Please sign and return to me.

Truly Yours

Edwin Becher.

Wm. A. Quavis Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. July 20th 1866,

Col. Col. J. B. Callis

Capt & Huntsville Ala.

Col.

I enclose herewith the order directed be made by Genl. Swayne as per your telegram of the 19th inst. I do not understand the telegram fully and am not certain whether this is what Genl. Swayne desired. I therefore have sent the order direct to you. If they are correct please deliver them. If not return. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant

C. Ladd Jr.

Capt. Col. & A. S. Gm.

Quartermaster General's Office
Division of Clothing and Equipment
Washington City D.C. July 18th 1866

Perry Col. H. J.

Col. John I. Callis

Sir:

Your Return of Clothing, camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Capt. B. H. T. and H. L. Post of North Ala. for June 1866, has been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Witness, W. H. C. Kelder, Witness, having no ability to attest to his name there is no evidence of his competency to witness. W. H. C. Par. 1157. 4. Reg. Replicate W. H. C. not required. Respectfully returned.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

By order of Maj. General

Wm. A. Quavis

Col. W. H. Post

Capt. B. H. T.

Col. Col. John I. Callis

W. H. C. Capt. B. H. T. and H. L.

Huntsville Ala.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Office Acting Assistant Quartermaster
Montgomery Ala. July 24th 1866.

Col. J. B. Callis

Deft. R. R. and S. L.

Centerville Ala.

Adm'd.

~~your address your supply of~~ I sent last Friday to
your address your supply of Stationery for the Month of July 1866,
I forwarded by express, thinking you would get it much sooner
than by freight. I would have sent it before this but the
fact is I did not receive my supply but the day before, I find
upon consideration the matter regarding your forage for your
private horses that the distance is so great that it would
cost more than the forage would come to, and I respectfully
suggest that you take commutation for the amount you are
entitled to.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your obedient servant

Geo. F. Brownrigg

1st Lieut. V. T. M.

and W. A. O. M.

Office Agent Bureau R. R. and S. L.
Blunt County, Ala. July 24th 1866.

Garrison W. C.

To Col. John B. Callis

Sir:

You will please send the
Rations for the Month of August to Centerville by the 15th of the
Month if you can, I was so vexed with the way some have acted
with me, and with the way Sheffield done, that I had almost
concluded to request you not to send any more to the County
Judge Moor, pretended to send a lot of wagons to Centerville
for corn when there was none there, and Sheffield let them
haul my Rations off without any orders from me and
frustrated all my arrangements done designedly no doubt
Wilson's Rations sent here by contrabution has done the

really destitute and loyal little or no good - nor in my
knowledge, having got over 10 days supply out of them
they deposited by Judge Moor generally with the worst Traitors
in the Co. and issued to the same class mostly the Union and
destitute got but little, they said they were sent here for the
Rebs. - Sheffield has changed his notion very much since the
war closed. I heard him in a war speech tell the poor men
of my Co. to "Volunteer and go and meet the hessions of the North and
prevent them from polluting their hearth stones with the blood
of their children", and now he can accept office under one of those
hessions. There is not a worse Traitor than he is in my opinion
in this State. - the Rations sent by the Government here has
been a great help to the poor of my Co., but there has been lies
enough told by some about them to damn the whole universe
of Gods creation in the Devils hell - no man can catch them
but what they accuse him of selling or keeping them - it is the
most unthankful business I ever had any knowledge of. Just as
soon as they can live without them, I want them to stop - they
have become so impudent that they will hardly let me issue but
take them by force. I can hardly govern them at all. My Report
for the Month will do for the estimate for next month. I close by
saying I am as ever your most sincere friend.

W. C. Garrison
Agent D. County

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Office of the Assistant Quartermaster
Montgomery Ala. July 24th 1866.

Browning Geo. F.

To Act. Col. J. S. Callis

Det. Capt. B. R. F. and A. L.

Monticello Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor
to transmit for your information the enclosed copy of a communication
from Capt. John C. Grierson A. A. M. at Mobile Alabama.

To prevent confusion and delay in obtaining supplies I respectfully
request that estimates and requisitions be forwarded to this office as
heretofore directed.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your obedient servant

Geo. F. Browning
1st Lieut. V. R. M.

and A. A. & M.

B. R. F. & A. L.

Wm. T. A. T.

Det. Capt. Callis

Monticello Ala.

Private School at Monticello Ala. July 24th 1866.

Some time ago a bill of the charge of Mr.

Hoffman for vaccination of P. School at Monticello Ala. was forwarded by you to
Montgomery. Has it yet been heard from. The Doctor is paid but from my purse.

One word in regard to another matter. Is it the province, plan or purpose
of the Bureau to make any repairs on abandoned property. The reason for
inquiring concerning repairs is this. Some expenditure is necessary to put the
premises in a state of repair in proper order for school. Though in much better condition
now than when I took it from the military it needs further repair to make
it at all comfortable for cold weather. Besides since the disposition of our
buildings for vacation a large number of boys have been in constant attendance
hovering beneath the threshold of our doors or where the door slips right
to be. The midnight music of their moans, together with their moonday
walks and pining appeals for food and drink have seemed to me mild
suggestions that some thing ought to be done. Though decidedly in favor of

fulfilling the humane opportunity, I still have felt a delicate about asking
the Bureau to issue tickets to the starving poor. and as I cannot shut my
ears to their piercing cries. I have reluctantly resolved to put the word further
from me. and a cheap fence is in process of construction.

The Agent of Mr. Barker called a short time ago to learn
whether the Bureau proposed holding this property any longer saying
that he had an opportunity to rent it for \$100.00 if it was free from
the Bureau, but had no wish to interfere it with any Government
arrangements. I told him that the property was leased for another year
and he went away.

Though personally unacquainted with this schoolhouse
people, yet there is a spirit in their silent reserve towards "Spunkies"
which means that I have not failed to appreciate, and as they never
molested or annoy me by any interference in my mission to the Freedmen
I thank God continuously that they are so kind to the stranger within their
gates. Was bit on the 4th of July - the night of the Star Spangled Banner
floating from the roomy gables of this old structure. Since the Southern
kiss to that night that a message came, bidding me take down those
hateful flags, or they would be torn to atoms. Should alone in my glory
and without fire arms, yet I desired to leave their utmost fury, and
identically refused to pull the quivering folds of the glorious Flag of the Free
I would not muffle the truth telling Eagle, and he screamed his glad shout
of Freedom from early morn till deep eve and his plumage was not torn.

One Sabbath School a large, orderly, earnest and enthusiastic.

Very Truly

Wm. T. A. T.

Montgomery Alabama
July 28th 1866.

Edwin Becker

To Col. Callis

Yours with papers relating to the payt. made to Mr Clark is recd I have sent them to Washington with such explanation as I could make. The receipt I sent of the 14th inst. I think they will be sufficient but cant tell certainly until I get their reply. I shall not be able to wait your 11th payment you can send vouchers to me.

Very Respectfully
Edwin Becker

Covalland Alabama
July 28th 1866.

Goodfellow T. M.

To Colonel J. M. Callis
Col.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst. The order on which I turned over the Money to Clark is contained in a letter from Maj. Anna Swayne about the time or just before you relieved me, which you may recollect you read, and you remarked to me that the Genl. directed me to turn the Money over to Clark. It is accompanied with my statement to General Swayne. Its referred to General Howard and General Ficks reply. - this will I think brief the matter to your memory. These papers I left on file in your office among letters received where I presume they can be found and not among orders. I recollect distinctly of putting them on the Clerks desk knowing they should be filed. I am sorry there is a difficulty about it. I trust that you will find the papers as above.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. servant
T. M. Goodfellow

Pikeville July 28th 1866.

Lieut. John Challis

Dear Sir,

I have not heard from you since Capt. Holmes came to our place in the latter part of May. Capt. Holmes staid here about one month left suddenly and as I understood to return in a few days but has not yet returned. I dont know what detains him or what has become of him. since he left however considerable quantities of rations have come here to my charge. I have given the best attention to them that I could and have intended to get them into the hands of the most destitute of the country - but I have now arrived at the conclusion that the ration arrangements is having a bad effect upon the most of the benificious thereof as I think and believe that many of those who are drawing seem to make look for no other arrangement only for the store to feed them. I am satisfied that there is both men and women who lose at least one half of their time in coming back and forward to this place for rations - they even sit by the road side in wait for the waggons then follow them to town - they will camp around town from two to three days at a time - all are not doing this that are drawing but a heap to many are doing it - and work as the last thing that ever crosses their path - it seems that all the cry is when will the rations be here - I do try all in my power to urge the lazy devils to stay away go to work and try to live within themselves - but if hell and the devil both was here, the lazy crooks would be here too enquiring for the nation waggons.

And now to close the matter up and as I think to root up the hot bed of idleness I suggest to the authorities who rule this matter, that no more rations be sent to this county. Clearly from the fact, looking the whole subject together that our people is more injured than they are benefited it is of course a benefit to them if they would let it be so - but in their laziness they make it a curse - this is all true as the law - but nevertheless if the authorities think it best to continue them and to my charge I will spare no pains to have them distributed the very best that I can - but you know without telling - no matter how lazy a woman is when she is almost starving you cant resent her pleas for rations - And again a few days past a nation wagon broke down in 10 miles of town - he deposited his load with gentlemen would tell he the waggons would go off to get his wagon mended - while he was gone 9 armed men came to the house where the rations was left, in the night time and took a part of the load.

as yet no one is able to give any information as to whom the 9 armed men were. I was told to day that the nation house at this place was threatened to be torn down and the nation taken, alleging that the nation was for every body. I should not be surprised that if the matter goes on, that it would become quite common for wagons to be robbed - this is a hard saying but nevertheless it is nothing but the truth - I have consulted several of my neighbors to day in relation to this subject - they all concur with me in this matter - I hope to hear from you fully upon this subject soon as your convenience can be suited and also present me to Col. H. B. Figures of your town,

As ever your friend
John D. Turrell

Office of Freedmen Bureau
Florence Ala. July 31st 1866.

Tringe C. A.
To Col. Callis

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find report of Rations issued for the month of July 1866, also report of Schools. The health of this county is not very good at present - the sickness consists mostly of chills and fever.

Your obedient servant
C. A. Tringe

Regimental Hospital 17th M. C. S.
Nashville Tenn. 15th 1866.

Toney Sacy

Mr Sacy Toney called me into the Hospital and said I wish my wife Alonza Toney living in Huntsville Alabama to have all I have left consisting of Twenty four (\$26.00) Dollars loaned to David Pickett \$10.00 Ten Dollars loaned to Moses Nelson and one worned dress one shawl one white scarf left in Capt Aldrich trunk All of which I wish her to have.

This is my dying request
Sacy Toney

Mrs M. Shepherd I wrote these words as he spoke them on the day that he was wounded and the day before he died.

Nashville Tenn. July 31st 1866.

O'Neill John
To Col. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Sir,

I have received yours of July 28th 1866, calling for the will of Sacy Toney to his wife Alonza Toney. Enclosed please find the evidence called for.

Very Respectfully

John O'Neill
Per Secy of Warblin
Clerk.

Head Quarter Dist of Alabama
Off. Sec. Asst. A. M. Montgomery Ala. July 30th 1866

Browning Geo. F.

To Col. J. M. Lattis

Asst. Capt. R. H. Farnham S.

Huntsville Ala.

Col.

I have the honor
to request that you purchase in my name (10) ten cords of wood
for the use of the Bureau of R. F. and S. S. at Huntsville Ala. Send
the bill to me and I will remit the amount due to your address.

If you do not require any wood for your district the
purchase need not be made.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Geo. F. Browning

1st Lieut. V. P. L.

and C. O. Q. 216

Lowell Alabama August 2nd 1866.

Hyde W. H.

To Col. J. M. Lattis

Huntsville Ala.

Sir.

Enclosed I send you my
Report of issues for the month of July and also the number of rations
needed for ^{the month of} August amount 11040 Rations - all is quiet in Winston
County - the colored people are using all the industry necessary, all is
going on well.

Very Respectfully Your obedt. servant

W. H. Hyde

Agt for Bureau for W. C. Ala

Picatus Ala. July 23rd 1866.

Fisk Samuel C. D.

Sir.

I have recently been informed of some facts which I deem
of sufficient importance to lay before you and which I hope will receive your prompt
attention. Last fall in Sept I think a white man named Cook, given name
unknown murdered a negro at a place some where between Danville and
Sumnerstown this county (Morgan)

Cook told a neighbor by the name of Wilhite that he had com-
mitted the deed. He said that the negro had a bag of gold hid away some
where and that he took him out in the woods one day under pretence of hunting
some hogs and tried to get the negro to tell where his money was and on his
refusing to do so he had ordered him to get on to his knees and there had shot him.

The matter seems to be very secret in the neighborhood. My informant said
that nothing had been done with Cook. He could not give me the name of
the negro but said he lived with a very clear old widow lady named Enwin. I
think I may have misunderstood. The last name the other two are correct. A
little investigation by a good detective would give you ample facts to proceed
upon against the wicked wretch. Furthermore my informant who was a Union
man though all his relatives nearly were (are) rebels tells me that this same
Cook had told him that he had taken many a Yankee prisoner committed to
his custody to be guarded to Chattanooga when the rebels were in possession of
their destination and got back in an hour or two meaning that he had shot
the poor captives in the woods. Such an unhuman villain has gone scot free
unhung. I would give my name but by so doing I might have to reveal my
informant also.

Yours in the interests of Justice

Mills & F.

To Col. Callis.

Alabama August 3rd 1866.

The bearer of this note will tell his own story. He has been several days here waiting the action of Mr. Sanford and says he gets no satisfaction. As this is but one of a multitude of such complaints concerning the Agent here, I have advised this man to go to you and have furnished him money to do so. If any reliance can be placed, on many reports the Drawer of the Bureau at this place needs ventilation. To day Caroline Kane (colored) a widow with several small children comes to me with complaint that she can get no Rations. She seems to be a worthy industrious woman, has struggled bravely with poverty and I think would ask no aid unless it were an absolute necessity. Alas! this is the testimony of the most reliable colored people that know her. She can do but little on account of a disabled arm. Her statement is this - her former master is wasperated because she has taken from him one of his children that she considered unjustly whipped - this man she says has reported her to the Bureau out of spite and her Rations are forthwith stopped. She asks me to write the "Big Man" at Huntsville and I write.

Mr. Bureau tied a man up by the thumbs and the man was a Union Soldier. There is some dissatisfaction about Government Taps being put to such a use, I simply give you specimens of the current rumors. Of course I know nothing about any of these things. In regard to the Agt. there is sometimes in his gait a manifest peculiarity which cannot fail to suggest to an inquiring mind the query what can the matter be; for the Total Abstinence allows no rum selling, no dram drinking at all. So mens brains are safe, notwithstanding the knus of some seem powerful weak. Truly the world abounds in mysterious providences. Yours of the 28th ult. is just recd. Thank you -

Very Respectfully
H. F. Mills.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 2nd 1866.

Cadde L. Jr.

To Col. Callis

Capt. D. R. Fane & A. S.

Huntsville Ala.

Col.

I have the honor to request that you will furnish this office with a full report of the difficulty which occurred in your city a short time since between the Soldiers and the colored Citizens at a baptismal ceremony held by the latter.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

C. Cadde Jr.

Cot. Col. & A. S.

Quartermasters General's Office,
Washington D. C. August 1st 1866.

Wise

To Col. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel.

The enclosed voucher in favor of William Holiver \$84.50 is herewith returned approved for \$84.22 and referred to Col. M. D. Nickerson Chief Q. M. Dept. of South Macon Ga. for payment as per indorsement thereon.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

By order A. M. Smith

Cot. Brig. Genl. Chf. Es. D. W.

per J. S. Brown

A. D. Genl. Chf. Sec. D. W.

Office Bureau Agency R. F. and A. G.
Athens Ga. August 1st 1866.

Sanford James

To Col. Ballis

Supt. Dist. Nor. Ala.

Col.

I thought I would write you more fully on the subject of the destitute, Nations and other matters connected with the Agency here. 1st I most respectfully ask you to excuse the delay of my Report due 1st August and will offer as an apology the onerous duties recently devolving on me at this office.

Herewith I enclose you an estimate pro-rata of the rations furnished for this month by which you will readily perceive it is inadequate to keep alive the no. of helpless on my books. Unless I could get off about half of the names on my books I do not see how I am to do. I have refused to accept any more new names since I recd. the allowance for this month, although I receive imperative orders from the Probate Judge and civil officers daily. My refusing to obey their orders gets them down on me as a matter of course, and I have no other alternative but to refer the matter to your consideration, and respectfully ask for orders in the premises. As long as I had a sufficiency to issue half rations. I made out to get along very well and respected all orders from civil officers and respectable citizens, and furnished relief to their recommendations; but you will readily perceive that I can do no more without being furnished with more means. I would most respectfully state that if it could be possible for you to furnish me with a sufficiency for half rations for those already on my books, that I could manage the matter, and the relief I believe would be appreciated by those whom would otherwise suffer. A large number of those drawing rations in this county are unimpaired and cannot appreciate the why and wherefores of their rations being cut down, consequently no officer in the world could render satisfaction and the consequent annoyance would be almost unbearable. Whose names must be taken off? They are all destitute alike and the drought now prevailing in this country is well calculated to keep them so, and what is to be done for another long twelve months God only knows.

As regards to other matters connected with the Agency here - it is giving me great trouble now, and will henceforth in consequence of partnership farming - the contracts for which

were made in the first part of the year. I think it a very bad policy for the Bureau to recognize such contracts with freedmen, and think the best mode is for farmers and land owners to hire freedmen and women by the month. Give them so much money and rations for month where such is the case I have but very little trouble. All the difficulties arise where the contracts are ambiguous the farmer furnishes the land and part of the stock and part of the feed and gives the laborer part of the crop.

The laborer in such cases does not do his duty - the season is bad and nothing is made and that creates a disturbance. I have a good deal of such cases to settle, and Colonel, it is very perplexing business, but I am patient investigation and try to settle all such matters the way I conceive to be right between the parties.

If it is in your power Col. I wish you would furnish me with the necessary blanks to collect colored soldiers back pay and bounty. There are a good many in this county, and they are making constant applications to me to aid them in this regard. You will also furnish me with a copy of the new Bureau Order passed by the last session of Congress also any orders bearing on the Bureau - in short please furnish me with all orders you may have in reference to the office. I am and always have been short of general orders to guide me in my duties, never having received but one general order. Rest assured Col. that I will continue to use all the zeal in my power, to fill all the duties the office devolves upon me.

I remain most respectfully

Your obedient servant
James Sanford

"Journal" Office Florence Ala
July. 30th 1866

Major General Wager

Sir:

Having heard it mooted that there is a probability of superseding pro A. Green Esq the present Agent of the Bureau at Tusculum, I have taken the liberty of addressing you on the subject premising that my present action has for its expression, the continued welfare of this section; and for I am endeavoring to perpetuate as well in my public as private capacity. Mr Green has given an entire satisfaction to a large majority of the honest thinking portion of both races, and I hazard no point in stating that, were their voices heard the Planters generally and your fifth of the Freedmen of Mr Green's District would attest my opinion as being a fact. Mr Green is an old and much respected citizen worthy and well qualified to discharge the duties of his responsible position and unless the Government has pre-determined to supersede him, I would very respectfully, but earnestly urge his retention which will be more satisfactory to the District than the appointment of any military officer can possibly prove. Hoping therefore that our earnest regards for a continuance of the well being of our Common Country will be permitted to plead my excuse in thus troubling you,

I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

David R. Lindsay.
Editor & Proprietor.

See E.S. page 97

"Alabama" Office
Tusculum Ala July 31, 66

Major General Wager.
Genl:

Allow me to add a word to what the Editor of the Florence Journal has said relative to Mr Green, the present efficient agent of the Bureau in this City. As far as we have been able to learn, his course has given general satisfaction to the whites as well as freedmen. The latter look upon him as an impartial officer, and have the most implicit confidence in his judgment and decisions.

Mr Green has long been a civil officer in this County, and his official acts are without blemish. I express the sentiments of the entire community when I request you, if consistent with the general good to retain him in his present position.

As a public journalist we have an opportunity to know if complaints had been made against him, and we are satisfied his impartial and prompt course is approved by all honest thinking men.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant

F. L. B. Goodwin
Editor Alabama.

See E.S. page 97.

Athens Ala. August 9th 1866

Jennings & D.
To Col. Callis
Sir,

I arrived at this place on the 7th inst. I had no trouble in finding Mr. Danforth who turned over the rations he had not issued for this month taking my receipts for the same. It was almost impossible for me to find a room to put the rations in. I am indebted to Miss Wells for the use of a room, the only vacant one I could find in the place. I will have to quit it soon as she wants it for a school room. I will have to rent a room to store the rations for next month in. I paid \$10 dollars for drayage and help to move the stores. After I got them moved I had nothing to issue with. I borrowed scales measures faucets and everything necessary to issue with. I will have to return these articles in a few days - probably before I am through issuing for this month. Shall I rent a room and purchase the articles needed to issue with; or what shall I do? I have hired a colored man to help me and shall pay him out of my own pocket until I hear from you. I need a man to handle the stores for many of the packages are too heavy for one person to lift. I have sent for that man Black. and shall bring him to time, if such a thing can be done. - will write you again - am very busy at present - work like the devil.

This copy of receipt of stores turned over
by James Danforth to, G. D. Jennings.

Very respectfully &c
G. D. Jennings

St. V. R. C. Capt. P. R. F. &
Athens Ala.

Montgomery Alabama
August 6th 1866,

Respect Col. Edw.
To Col. Callis

On going to fill up the receipts I find the one of Murray and Co. has not been signed. I sent the money with the other and is inclosed in the inclosed receipt. Please have them signed and returned to me.

In haste

Truly Yours

E. Bucher.

Danforth James
To Col. Callis
Col.

Athens Alabama August 8th 1866,

Your order No. 32, relieving me as Sgt. at this office, was duly received and the terms of said order promptly complied with. I turned over all the stores, Books, papers &c, pertaining to said office to St. G. D. Jennings as required by said order.

I am sir very respectfully

Your obedient servant
James Danforth

Flora August 9th 1866,

Wey H. K.

To Col. Callis.

Dear Sir,

I write to set myself right on the subject of rations, to hands not working. But for you to more fully understand me. I will state that a number of our hands are disposed to shrink duty play sick, dodge and do any way to rather than work. We have added the rule to issue rations for each days work. If a hand loses three days ~~work~~ this week, on Saturday he gets three days taken off from his week rations. It is quite an item to us - for twenty or twenty five shinks to come to times on ration day - It don't pay. It is the only weapon we have, and I would like very much to hear from you

on the subject. Can they under any pretext demand rations when not at work. Our crop like all the balance very poor but I hope to get half whole. Your early reply solicited

Respectfully Yours
H. H. Key.

Sheffield S.D.

To Col. Gullis

Guntersville Ala. July 1866

The above is a true ^{and correct} statement of my issues for the month I had set apart last Thursday and Friday to make the issues. The people came pouring on Wednesday evening and by 10 o'clock Thursday A.M. the largest crowd of Whites and Blacks I ever saw in Guntersville when here I saw that I had to issue small rations so as all could get some, which I did by having some bacon flour &c, I got in Memphis I was enabled to give all some.

I commenced killing the Peaf Cattle left me over in the last issue, killed one and no one scarcely seemed to want it - they had no salt to save it and it was so warm it would have spoiled before many who lived at a distance could have got it home. I have four head left yet Two large Steers and two yearlings which I will kill and issue next month if it is wanted - if not in the month of Sept. if the Government continues the rations.

You will please have forwarded negroes as early in the next month as practicable. You have my thanks, and the thanks of the people for your promptness in sending our issues in each month.

As you may think I ought to have killed the beaver ere this - the fact I killed last month last month the half of arm was left over and I had to give it to Two or three colored persons the next morning after it was killed the one I killed on Friday last one gr. remained until it was liberly covered with fly blows and I gave it to Two Black women providing they carried it off. Said the had no salt.

J. S. Sheffield
Sgt. Marshall Co,

Agent Freedmen Bureau
August 11th 1866,

Word Chas H.

To Col. Gullis,
Sir,

This is to certify that the bearer of this note (Surre Word & Co) is making a crop with me this year, finding herself &c, getting one half the crop at gathering time.

She has worked faithfully and has a fine prospect for an abundant harvest but the hard earnings of her last years labor is exhausted and the very hard times scarcity of money and provisions renders it absolutely necessary to prevent her from suffering to call upon you for assistance. I would most respectfully recommend her to the charity of the Government.

Rations ordered to one adult.

Jas B. Gullis

I am sir very respectfully &c,
Chas H. Word

Agent Freedmen Bureau

Guntersville Ala. Aug. 11th 1866,

Word Chas H.

To Col. Gullis,
Sir -

I hereby certify that the bearer of this was formerly a slave of my Mother, and is at times very infirm and at no time able to work. She is allowed a room and a garden spot on the farm and has been living on the earnings of her children last year but they are now exhausted and unless she gets some aid from you she will suffer. I would most respectfully recommend her to the charity of the Government.

I am sir very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Chas H. Word

Rations ordered to one adult
Jas B. Gullis

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 7th 1866.

Swaine Maj. General
To Col. Callis

Monteville Ala.
Colonel,

Your attention is respectfully called to a communication from A. J. Sature, referred to you from these Head Quarters on the 7th ult. for investigation and report.

Sufficient time being supposed to have elapsed to enable you to comply with the requirements of the endorsement it is directed that you return the communication as early as possible giving all the information desired.

By Order of
Maj. Genl. Wager Swaine
O. P. Kimman
Col. Maj. & A. S. G.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 7th 1866.

Kinman 1st O.
To Col. Callis
Col.

Your communication of the 6th inst. inclosing your vouchers for postage in July is received. I forward them by mail today to Mobile with directions for the money to be expressed to you direct. Hereafter the most expeditious way for you will be to send direct to Capt. R. J. Whiting Act. Supt. at Mobile with request that he will collect for you.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
O. P. Kimman
Col. Maj. & A. S. G.

By Telegraph from Athens
August 13th 1866,

Jennings Esq. R.
To Col. Callis Supt. re.

Shall I make rations pay expenses,
Esq. R. Jennings?

Answer.

Pay nothing out of Ration. Turn over to Danforth and report here at once.

Truism.

John P. Callis

Darksville Ala. June 24th 1866.

Satture A. J.
To General Thomas

Sir,

I am an old discharged soldier of the United States and permitted to carry arms by General Grant, and now me and all Federal Soldiers are taxed by a White delegation called a Segregation, three dollars for our arms and when they catch one of the boys without money they seize their pistols and sell them forthwith to the highest bidder. General will the Government suffer this - for men that has defended the flag of their country to be trampled under foot and their property confiscated by treasonable hands. We as discharged soldiers petition to your Honor for an order to protect our arms in the limits of an insurrectionary State - this we do for the welfare of the country and peace of our community.

Please send an order to Col. Callis for this Dist. There is one hundred and fifty in this Jackson County been in the federal service that petition for this order.

I am your obedient servant

A. J. Satture Co. H. 11th Dist. Cav.

Montgomery, Alabama
August 6th 1866

Decher Edmund

To Col. Cattle

Wentworth Ala.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith \$776.57 in payment

of the following claims.

Your acct for July	\$224.32
Lieut. Jennings do	146.25
Hospital Roll	64.00
C. H. Sharratt Hospital Steward	15.00
D. C. Rugg	97.50
R. D. McChigal	97.50
C. Ruder	97.50
Mrs. Patterson	50.00
Murray and Co	10.50

\$776.57

The other accounts I am compelled to return under Circular 7 of July 17th 1866, which Col. Cattle have sent you our payments have been entirely changed. By examining that you will see that out of the appropriations by Congress only certain things can be paid. There is no provision for laborers, contingent expenses of any character - the only way of paying such, if they can be paid at all, is under Paragraphs 3 and 7. He received this Circular on the 23rd ult. and after I had sent forward my regular estimate. On the 25th I was notified by telegraph to forward new estimates under the Circular - I had no time then to send more than the general estimate for funds out of the appropriations. Under that estimate I have received the money and can pay any claims specified in Paragraph 2 of the Circular.

You will also perceive that there are hereafter to be two distinct funds and two sets of accounts, (see Paragraph 8,) consequently if our vouchers have items which are to be paid out of both funds I could not pay it for I must have vouchers to accompany each account. I have one of your accounts has an item for wood which I can pay out of the appropriation, but it also has other items which must be paid, if at all out of R. & F. fund and must be on separate vouchers.

They also write me that I must conform to the practice in Q. M. Dept. That requires that telegraphic dispatches accounts must be accompanied by copies of the telegrams, for that reason I return that account.

They further instruct me that hereafter, when there are three or more employees at the same station to be paid out of the same fund, they should be paid on Forms 2 & 15 Q. M. Dept.

I regret to have to give you any trouble but it is not a matter of my seeking - It is adding largely to my labors as well as others. If you will send immediately a special estimate for services and articles required out of the Refugees and Freedmen's funds, I will endeavor to have it allowed in this month and paid. On looking over your accounts again I find there is none among them containing items properly payable out of the different funds.

The one containing the item for wood came from Selma and had got among yours, but what I have written on that subject will serve to illustrate how I understand the accounts should be made up if you should have any such in the future.

I send the money for your July pay as you requested though the accounts are not yet here. Please reply on receipt of this.

Yours Truly

Edmund Decher

Col.

Since writing this forenoon I have concluded to retain the two vouchers for making coffins and burying the dead as I hope to have funds soon with which I can pay it, it being included in your July estimate. I would do the same with the vouchers for labor, and forward an estimate to cover them, but there is nothing in your July estimate except contingent expenses under which I could possibly pass it.

If your August estimate includes everything you want except the horse shoeing and laborers &c, you need not make any further estimate only for more items as I will include everything else in the estimate which I am about preparing.

Truly Yours

Edmund Decher.

Courtland Ala. Aug. 11th 1866

Jones Maj. John
To Col. Callis

Dear General

I have just risen from a very
severe attack of Billious fever and Erysipelas - have been laid flat
on my back for the last three weeks - I am now convalescent but very
weak - am entirely unable to do anything of any account - I am
advised to take a little trip North and if you have no objections
I will start for Penn. Monday night and bring Mrs. J. on here
Mr. Shackelford former agent here will attend to nation business
until I return. Please let me hear from you by Monday morning
mail and confer a favor.

I am Gent. Most Respectfully

Your obedient servant
John Jones

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery August 10th 1866

Kinman C. O.

To Col. Callis
Col.

The application for bounty of Chas. Park
late Private Co. A, 42nd W. S. C. I. is received but is retained in this
office for a letter of transmittal.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servant

C. O. Kinman

Act. Maj. A. S. G.

Head Qrs. Dist. of Ala.

Montgomery Ala. August 10th 1866

Kinman C. O.

To Col. Callis

Col.

I forward you herewith an official copy of
an order received this morning from Dist. Head Quarters.

For some reason or through some mistake no copy was
received for you.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

C. O. Kinman

Act. Maj. A. S. G.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 11th 1866

Kinman C. O.

To Col. Callis

Montgomery Ala.

Colonel

The claim for bounty in
the case of George Sanders, late Private Co. A, 15th W. S. C. I. Drift,
is received, but is retained in this office for letter of transmittal.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

C. O. Kinman

Act. Maj. A. S. G.

McQuilly Chas P. to
 Sisk Genl Clinton B.

Sandusky City Erie Co O.
 August 5th 1866

Dear Sir:

Could you through your agents, gain some information of a young mulatto girl - some twelve years of age, called Rossanna, and formerly a slave of one Hicks living on what is known as the Hop grove plantation, situated 8 miles east of the city of Tusculum Ala. on the north Courtland road.

The mother of the girl Rossanna is a black woman, and formerly the property of Hicks. The father of the girl is nearly white, and was owned by Wm. Ricks, owning a plantation eight miles south east of Tusculum on the Mountain road. Albert is the name of the Father - he came to me while we were stationed in Tusculum Ala. in August 1862, and has been with me since that date - he now wishes to find his daughter & have her brought to this part of the country where he can take care of her; he is willing to pay for all necessary expenses in the recovery of his child. If you can do anything in the case, or if you cannot please let me know.

And oblige Yours &c

Chas P. McQuilly.

Late Capt C. B. 10th Ill Inf. Vol

Office B. R. and A. S. Dist. of Mobile
 Mobile Ala.

Whiting S. J.

To Col. John D. Callis

Montville Ala.

Colonel

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you the amount of your Postage account for month of July, forwarded me by Maj. O. P. Kinnaman A. S. S.

I am Col. very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. J. Whiting

Capt & adq. 1st Regt. B. R. and A. S.
 Dist. of Mobile.

Montville Ala. August 14th 1866,

Tenge C. A.

To Col. John D. Callis

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 15th inst 1866, is to hand with regard to Sam Gibson a Freedman. With regard to his case with A. W. Beckwith. Sam and others have applied to me. I have gone with him and others to B. F. Hanson a Justice of the Peace at Tusculum and the Justice offered to issue warrants for him and others, Returned at his office, on the first Tuesday inst 1866, and set for trial on the first Tuesday in 1867. That is the law of this State, for white and blacks. Sam Gibson and others declare to serve as by the first Tuesday in May 1866, him and his witnesses all would be gone to part unknown, he has concluded to serve, I Risk getting his witnesses B. F. Hanson Esq. has offered to any other for his that is lawful and right.

This above

C. A. Tenge Dep. Quartermaster

This above statement made by Capt Tenge is correct
 Attest B. F. Hanson J. Peace

Same Station

Head Quarters 1st Dist of Alabama at
Montgomery Ala. August 13th 1866

Cadde C. Jr.

To Col. John D. Callis

Kanawha Ala.

Colonel.

In reply to your communication asking
that copies of papers in the case of Capt. Grace W. W. may be furnished
Det. Maj. Ockleston. I have the honor to state, these papers were forwarded
to Washington and are now there, the only papers relating to the subject
in this office, being a letter from Genl. Howard, stating that further action
in the case was stopped at Genl. Swayne's request.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

C. Cadde Jr.

Det. Col. W. S. V.

Helena Ark. Aug. 11, 1866

Dear Sir,

Lieut James G.

To Col. Callis:

Sir I respectfully request as
a favor that you will try to find the Discharge
papers of Corporal Henry Clay & Priv Jackson
Reed of Co "E" 110th W. S. C. S., which were left with
Lieut Charles Biggs at the muster out of the Regt.,
and by him ~~is~~ subsequently turned over to
a Union Agent in Kanawha.

If you will be so kind as to forward them
on the behalf of these men I will be under
many obligations.

I am very respectfully re

Lieut Jas. G. Duncan.

P.O. Box 288

Helena Ark.

Florence August 15th 1866

Gibson John

To Col. John D. Callis

Sir

According to your instructions I applied
to the Freedmen's Bureau here to go to Mr. Beardswick and make him pay
me what he owes me. Det. Capt. Tinge has refused to trouble him-
self about this matter. I should like to know what else I can do
to get justice done me. As to suing Mr. Beardswick I am told that
that would take a whole year by which time all my witnesses will
have scattered over the country. Please answer me at your earliest
convenience. Please send your answer to this place.

Respectfully

John Gibson

Mar. D. ft Bureau Refugees Freedmen and
Abandoned Slaves Washington D. C. August 8th 1866

Fowler William

To Col. Cadde Jr.

Montgomery Ala.
Col.

In reply to your communication of the
20th inst. I have the honor to inform you, that in cases where the party apply-
ing for bounty has lost his discharge certificate he must make
oath to the facts setting forth fully all the circumstances connected
with said loss and giving date of obtaining discharge &c.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

(Signed) William Fowler

A. A. H.

Official

Copy respectfully forwarded for the information of Det. Col. J. D. Callis, Capt. P. R. F. and A. S.

O. D. Kineman

Det. Maj. and A. A. H.

Sheffield D. L.
to Col J. M. Hallis

Office D. R. F. and A. L.
Guntersville August 17th 1866.

Sir:

Complaint doubtless will be made to you by an old Freedman of Larkinsville Jackson County against me for refusing to have Two of her grand children, given up to her that is in this County. Mrs Liddbetter of this County owned the Mother of the children who died in 1862, leaving one of the children about Eighteen Months old, the other about four years old (all the negroes he owned) Mr Liddbetter sent their grand Mother word to come after the children, she did not come, I advised him to go and see her and then want which he did, and told her she must come after the children if not he would have them bound - he told her to set the time which she did, and failed to come - this was in February last. Some time in the Month of July Mr Liddbetter called on me again to know what he must do with the children I advised him to have them bound to him, which he did, you will see that the children was very young and of no service to him and he was not willing to keep them, through the hard and trying times and then gave them up Mr and Mrs Liddbetter could not treat their own children any better than they do these two - he told the old woman notwithstanding they were bound if she would pay him for feeding and clothing them since he notified her to come after them she could have them. She refused, notwithstanding she agreed to pay him for keeping them. When he notified her to come after them. I wish to do what is right - if I have not acted right in the matter notify me - The children are very much opposed to leaving Mrs Liddbetter (their mother as they call her) I write this in my bed very sick - hope you can read it

I am very respectfully your obedt servant

D. L. Sheffield Apt.
D. R. F. & A. L. Marshall A.

War Dept. Bureau Refugee F. R. and A. L.
Washington August 14th 1866.

Fowler William

To Col. C. Cullis Jr.

Montgomery Ala.
Colonel.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers (revocations of Power of Attorney) you transmitted to this office, on the 8th inst.

The second Auditor will not receive these papers, the reasons of the revocations being insufficient.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
William Fowler
A. A. General

Salyers William

To Col. Cullis

Sir:

July 17th 1866,

General. I take the pleasure to ask information, Sir I hope you won't think hard of me, what I want to no, and hope that you won't refuse to answer those lines according to what I request. Will General I will inform you my principal I have been a federal soldier, belonged to the first Alabama Cav, Capt. E. D. West Co. I. was discharged at Huntsville Ala. the 20th day of October last and my family living here in this County. I come home of course, and General there are several other Federal soldiers here in this County and we think we are imposed upon, and what we want to know is whether these Southern made officers, has the authority to make us Union men pay \$2.00 poll tax or not and whether the law will compell us or not, and General we hope you will give us all the satisfaction you can on this subject. General I wish you to send me the orders according to this question. I wish you to send me the order concerning this same so I hope a friend of you. General direct to Huntsville Ala. I wish an answer shortly.

Your obedient servant
William Salyers

Green John H.

To Col. Jm. S. Callis

Dear Sir,

Tusculum August 23rd 1866

Will you please inform me whether or not there will be any more rations sent here for the destitute - if not there are some old and infirm freedmen as well as whites that will suffer. An unfortunate circumstance occurred, on Monday night last 10 miles above this, a Mr. Peltan shot and killed a negro boy. The officer is trying to arrest him, but has not yet found him - he is known still in the county but is not to be found by the officer.

Respectfully

J. H. Green

Agt. &c.

Wardsen August 16th 1866

Surrentine & Co.

To Col. Jm. S. Callis.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 2nd ult. also order relating me with copy of the Hon. Judge of Probate on the 6th inst. I at once called on the Judge of Probate and gave him the order, and I have been waiting on him for ten days to turn over the papers books &c. but have failed up to this time. He says that he cannot get his agents to make their returns - he says some of them have not made their returns for the month of June yet - he has turned over some of the list furnished him by his agts. has kept no book one ago or six. I will send you report as soon as I can get the papers. I write you at length on the right at night, giving you all the information. I thought would be of interest in this section how matters were getting along and will write you soon again on the subject. Will you do me the favor to inform me what to do with the Boot. Shoes that are in the ware house here for Probate Co. there is 8 Pairs, 10 Pairs and 20 Pairs. Hard Bread has been here since April. The agt. of Probate Co. refuses to take them out and pay the freight. Must they still remain in the store for the worms will soon eat up the bread. Please give me some instruction on this subject. Does the Court do anything or have anything to do with binding out the children of the freedmen contrary to the wishes of their parents, or has any body a right to take freedmen that is able to support them selves and are doing so a right contrary to the wish of the party and have the Court to bind them. I have been applied to in several instances of this kind. Please let me know if I have any right to interfere, and in other cases, a boy fifteen years old has been put for the year under a willow contract a man, contrary to the boy's wishes has had him bound to him and has made a demand and not paid him the man that has him that he will make him pay for him. I have been called on to interfere. I have informed the parties that I would refer it to you. My kind regards to Miss Jennings.

I have the honor to be
your obedt. servant
R. B. Pennington

Office Indian Agency W. & A. L.
Athens Ala. August 23rd 1866Jennings St. & Co.
W. & A. L.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a line the other day in great haste in regard to a colored man who had died on the farm of Mr. Rose. I have been here since and investigated the state of his affairs, and find that he was a very thrifty kind of a man and could he lived would have been very successful. He left a good crop and some stock that I think ought to be sold and his debts paid. I have a schedule of his debts and think what he left will pay them, and leave his family in a condition to live. I asked your advice as to the mode of procedure in the premises. Should I sell the property publicly or privately? The largest debt is going to Mr. Rose as he purchased him all his supplies, everything the family used all the year, besides forage. The family he left consists only of wife and one child. Let me hear from you on the subject as quick as possible.

Joe Sawyer is here and sends you his best regards. Look out for that Box by express.

Very Respectfully your friend
J. Comfort.Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. August 22nd 1866

Kinsman O. R.

To Col. John S. Callis

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the estimate of the number of rations to be issued to the several counties of the State in the month of Sept. 1866, is the same as the estimate for the present month.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
O. R. Kinsman
Bot. Maj. & A. A. G.

Office B. R. F. & A. L.
 Courtland Ala Sept 1st 1866

James Major John
 To Col. Wallis.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Report of Rations issued at this Office to the Freedmen and Refugees for the month of August 1866. There has been in this valley persons including farmers according to contract employed as we found to see that their Laborers had proper medical attendance - even in some instances (from short raps) they refuse to pay the physicians Bill. In one or more instances I learn there has been a transfer of sick, mules &c without the medical Bill being settled. In consequence of this the Physicians refuse to visit the sick without their fees being guaranteed the freed laborers necessarily from this suffering from medical attention. I would most respectfully ask instructions in this matter and remain.

Very respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant.
 (Jas. Danforth)
 To & Bet Major

Office B. R. F. & A. L. Athens Ala
 Sept 1st 1866

Danforth James Esq
 To Col. Wallis
 Col:

The foregoing report of the Institute of Refugees and Citizens of Limestone Co Alabama, for the month ending on the 1st of Sept, is most respectfully submitted. The amount of Rations furnished to each one being in the aggregate only 10 days, would

have been inadequate for the support of a large majority of our distributees, only for the timely arrival of the corn furnished by the State of Ala. which was issued to all the distributees of the Bureau in this County, in the ratio of one bushel of fifty six pounds per head. I would most respectfully further report that the operations of the agency of the Bureau in this County are harmonious and even, in the main, to give general satisfaction. The very great drought, sustained by us, will have the tendency to make times hard, but the industry manifested among all classes will have the tendency to ameliorate this misfortune to some extent.

I am most respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 James Danforth
 Asst B. R. F. & A. L.

Atticus Allen

Office Bureau R. F. and A. L.
 Wetmore Sept. 2nd 1866,

Sheat C. C.
 To Col. Jm Wallis
 Kumberville Ala,

Dear Sir:

There has been an application made to this office to day to establish a school (colored) in the neighborhood of Somerville in this County. The son of Judge Bowdell of this County proposes to take charge of the school. He is an ex rebel soldier and will give satisfaction. I wish you to let me know if it will be recognized and if so will the Bureau pay him and how much per month - I am of the opinion it would be advisable as it will commit the secessionists to the policy and they will not be able to urge the objections that they might under other circumstances. You will please give me the desired information at one early day. I am doing all I can to establish a school at this place.

and find but little objection and that is among the irresponsible part of the people. There is a one legged Ex. Rebel soldier who will take the school at this place. I think it will act as an equalizer while we soon upon the subject and give me your opinion about the policy.

Could there be arrangements made to have the rations stopped at this place for all those upper and lower county and save the expense shipping them to Huntsville, and then returning them to this place to ship to the respective counties, would not the Q. M. appoint an inspector here and have it attended too, if he would will I would like you to get me the place, it will make the office an object and benefit me and save the Government expense. If you can accomplish this for me it will be a favor to me and remembered by your friends.

Lawrence Franklin Marion Marshall and Stuart are the counties I refer to.

Yours very truly &c

C. C. Sheats

Agt. Decatur Ala

Office Bureau re Florence Ala Sept. 3, 1866

Aug 10

C. A.

To Col Callis:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find report of rations issued by me for the month of August. School reports I cannot make, as the schools have closed for vacation. The local people requested me to send you a petition in regard to binding out children which you will find enclosed. You will please let me know if you can do any thing with it.

Gov R. M. Patton wrote a letter to Judge V. B. Benham, of Lauderdale Co to request you to send rations for the month of Sept. As I have nothing to say about it you run just what to do.

A fine pedlar has mysteriously disappeared in our Co lately. Supposed to have been

murdered, but no traces of his body have been discovered - horse stealing is very frequent.

Yours, C. A. Smith

Agent

Florence Ala Aug. 25th 1866

We the Representatives of the colored people of Lauderdale Co Ala hereby protest against the binding out of our children (the offspring of this community) with the consent of their Fathers, Mothers, or other relatives.

Charles Gray, Sidney Le Priest and 10 others.

Commission

In Co.

To Col Callis.

Col.

I want to know if you are going to send me any rations for the month of Sept.

I would like instructions as to what I am to do. The affairs of freedmen are in a most unsettled condition, and will remain so unless something is done quickly. A lone agent in a Co without some way to enforce orders from yourself or any other military officer is worth nothing.

I am without ability to do any thing for the freedmen: all who are fit to cheat them, do so at pleasure; will not enter into contracts with the freedmen. The Civil Courts and Officers will not do justice to Union white men, much less to freedmen, and unless the Government or military authorities do something for us the rebels will do as they please. The best oath should be taken by all officers, from Bailiff to Governor, and all traitors disfranchised. Then we could organize civil law and order. I wish you to write

me at once, and tell him to proceed to make them pay the freedmen for their work, for last year as well as this, so I can close up as I go. I have had contracts approved and will not lift them. I am anxious to learn how to proceed. The freedmen are very much disturbed.

Write to me soon and direct all your letters to
Mount Airy
Blount Co Ala

Wm C Garrison
agent

War Department Bureau R. & A. S.
Washington Sept. 3rd 1866

Fowler William
to Col. Jos Ballis
Capt. P. R. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala

Colonel.

In accordance with your request of June 17th I have the honor to transmit by to day's mail forty (40) forms "application for commutation of Rations while held as prisoners of war". The Commissary General of Prisoners requires in addition to the testimony in the application, the certificate of an officer now in office the service, or the affidavit of an officer not now in office to show that the claimant has never by desertion or absence without leave forfeited his claim. The exact P. O. address of the claimant must be given, and his discharge paper must accompany the claim. In no case will the amount be paid to an agent or attorney, but the certificate for the amount of the claim will be sent to the P. O. address of applicant who will be paid on same, when presented to the disbursing officer of the Subsistence Department most convenient to the soldier. The Power of Attorney in the blank must not be stricken out. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully your obt. servant
William Fowler
A. A. Genl

War Dept. Bureau Refugees & A. S.
Washington Sept. 5th 1866

Fowler William
to Col. Jos Ballis
Capt. P. R. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala
Col.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of papers in the claim for arrears of pay etc on account of Egnat Moore (deceased) late Corporal 15th Co 1st Regt. T.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Wm Fowler
A. A. Genl.

Dorance Sept. 7th 1866

Benham W. M.
to Col. Jos Ballis
Dear Sir.

In a letter to Capt. Smige you intimate that if the civil authorities are not able to support the destitute of the County you will intervene with the A. S. Government to continue the furnishing of rations &c.

I would reply that, the present financial condition of our County is such that it can do but little in supporting Indigents. At the close of the war the people here were left without any thing but lands, only with very few exceptions so for want of teams and other means, together with the fact of our having a very unfavorable season, we have made very poor crops. We will do all we can for the sufferers but that won't amount to much in relieving their suffering.

Yours Truly
W. M. Benham
Probate Judge

Gadsden Ala. August 31st 1866
 Vincentine P. C.
 to Col J. M. Hollis
 Huntsville Ala.
 Col

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 28th ult. on yesterday and I will at once look into the cause of complaint and if anything is wrong I will have it set right and advise you of the result. I have no idea I shall be able to get up a full report from my friends, the Judge, but will have to do the best I can and report accordingly. I am sorry to say that the people are in a worse condition here and will be the next year than they were the present year. Gen. Patton sent me recently about 100 bushels of corn for the lower end of my county and I relied on the state of distribution believing that the destitute would be greatly relieved, it is true they were but I say to you Genl. that I had but little idea of the absolute distress in the country and that we have made a failure in a crop. I see no other chance but for the people to suffer. I come to this ~~place~~ conclusion after deliberate and calm reflection. You will do me the honor by forwarding to me the supplies for Sept. and may I ask you to increase the supplies. The corn is run out and still the cry for food increased.

A. B. My attention was called by Chamberlain & R. M. Spadin a few days ago to a matter of some interest to our county, and that was that in a conversation with you he understood you to say that the U. S. Government would give transportation ~~with~~ to the place of distribution as the Steam Boat passed directly through my county now Genl. if it can be done will you please have it so ordered. You will by so doing save much confusion and the supplies will be at once distributed if the systems are wrong please pardon me for making them. I will be happy to hear from you at all times.

I have the honor to be Genl

Your obedient servant

P. C. Vincentine

Agent.

Houston Ala. Sept. 1st 1866.
 Capt. H. K.
 to Col J. M. Hollis
 Huntsville Ala.
 Dear Sir:

Will you allow me to suggest a plan for the future distribution of rations to the destitute of Winston County; the new crop has to a considerable extent relieved the destitute, those many are yet in a destitute condition and we are unable to relieve them owing to the shortness of crops. Our crops are much shorter here than have ever been in Arch. Ala. for fifteen years; in order to avoid expense to the Government and to more effectually aid the destitute, those that will actually need relief. I think that the better plan would be to designate a certain location at some convenient point on the Memphis and Charleston R.R. for of course all supplies will have to be transported from the U. S. States, for it cannot be obtained in Ala. Let those destitute be brought to such location, then letting every destitute draw for themselves, and there remain and consume the rations. It can be furnished with half the expense to the State and the Govt. the hardness of times and scarcity of money makes it impossible for the citizens to help the destitute.

I do not deem it necessary to make a report of the number of rations needed for the future. I think the most of the people can make out, while until other arrangements can be made. Will you please inform me what I shall do to draw the money due me from the Govt. for my services as Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for Winston Co. I have served since the 20th of Feb. 1865 and have devoted my time to the drawing and issuing of rations to the destitute people of my county, and have saved many poor women and children from vast suffering. I spent my time and money for these people under the direction of the Govt. officers and also been very careful to see that the few freedmen in my county had equal justice done them by the whites, and am happy to say ~~the~~ ^{no} complaint by either party has yet been made. The freedmen are using all industry that is required by reasonable people. Please write me what the Govt. is paying each county Agent and what course to pursue to collect my pay from the Govt. and at what time I will get my pay. I have served over six months and think it is about time that I should begin to receive pay. If it is necessary for me to take the last oath. I am ready at any time to take it when ever required. Please write me on the subject and oblige yours truly

H. K. Hyde
 Agent

Godsden Ala Sept. 1886.

Verrentine D. C.
to Col J. B. Callis
Col

I have the honor to submit my report for the Month of August 1886. There was but little that came into my hands that had been held up of the supplies sent for the County in July - it nearly was all issued in July. I hope to have the honor of forwarding you a report for the Month of June and July soon. I have not received all the reports from the Judge of Probate yet, but he has promised me he will do so as early as he can get them in - he has kept my books. I am urging him to get them up. I have just returned from Dekalb County where I have been attending a trial, where a white man killed a negro a few days ago. The trial was put off until Monday the 10th inst. after that time I will give you an official report of the matter. I am not prepared to tell you what the facts are. I have heard by one side I wrote you some days ago to send forward the supplies for Sept.

I have the honor to be Col.

Your obedient servant

D. C. Verrentine

Sept.

Moulton Ala Sept. 6th 1886.

W. Donald J. H.

to Col Callis

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Gov. Patton, dated Aug. 28th telling me to call on you for contributions for the Month of Sept. for my County. If possible you will please ship the same to Hallsboro Station to me and write me immediately in regard to the matter and say of what they consist and what is regarded as a ration according to the rule adopted by the U. S. mode of issuing having never any such to issue, I am entirely ignorant of the rule &c &c.

Respectfully

J. H. Donald

Judge of Probate

Lawrence County

Moulton Ala Sept 11, 1886.

W. H. H. Esq

To Col Callis:

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Very Respy

W. H. H. Esq

See Page 349.

Bucher Edmon
 to Col. Jm B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala.
 Montgomery Sept. 7th 1866

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith
 \$686.95 also triplicate receipts for \$6.25. total \$693.20
 to be applied on the following claims.

Receipt Roll of Bureau Employees \$420.00

Hospital Roll 64.00

Telegraph Co. 4.35

Leftwich and Queford 3.75

Rayson Cole 8.90

Mrs. M. E. Patterson 50.00

M. L. Murray and Co. 2.70

David Jones 12.00

David Bradford 24.00

Dr. E. P. Ditch 97.50 \$693.20

In sending report, Form 2 it is necessary to send them.
 One should accompany each voucher. It takes both Forms 2 & 15
 to constitute a complete voucher. On the 31st ult I sent you
 \$224.30 in payment of your acct. for August. Did you receive it.

Please notify me of receipt of this.

Very Respectfully
 Edmon Bucher

Kennamore S. E.
 to Col Jm B. Callis
 Pam Rock Sept. 5th 1866.
 Dear Sir,

Yours under date of 4th inst is to
 hand and contents rammed with interest, and I hasten to reply, to wit
 Every allegation set forth in your inquiries are false, but too

1st It was not Fields wife, 2nd Scruggs said nothing to Fields
 until Fields commenced on him, 3rd Fields offered no testimony
 but what was taken, but his wife which I believe if not mistaken
 the Statute.

4th Fields proposed, if I or any other person would go
 on his Bond for six months, the time that he was committed for to
 keep the peace, he would work for them the length of time for his vituals
 and clothes, -he being so anxious, I told him I would go on his bond
 under those circumstances, and did so, and gave him permission
 to go home with his wife that night, by his promising of being at my
 house next morning, and that is the last I have saw of Fields (cold)

As to his being ordered to work for me six months is false
 You demands the proceedings of the case which I take a short
 method of handling you, and if not satisfactory with you I will
 send you a copy of the whole proceedings.

The substance of the case is this, according to affidavit
 Fields threatened to tear Scruggs heart strings out of him or
 shoot him, and Scruggs became alarmed and taken him with
 a peace warrant, and he Fields confessed before me that he made
 the threats before ever Scruggs said a word to him, under
 such testimony under the Law, I was bound to bind him to the
 peace in a Bond of five Hundred Dollars, and he failing to
 make said Bond, I made the proposition. I have heretofore
 stated this contains the facts and on mature explanation of your
 part you think I can write I would be glad you would send him
 back to me as he is a impudent fellow as I ever saw, white or
 colored. Let me hear from you soon.

I am Sir, your most

Obedient servant
 S. E. Kennamore

Office Bureau R. & O. S.
Decatur Ala, Sept. 8th 1866

Sheats C. C.

To Col. Jm. B. Callis.

Cumtsville Ala.

Col.

I have understood to
arrive at the information sought for in your letter of the 4th inst.
Col King is here and at large; after the shooting refused to in-
your letter he left town and stayed in the country for some days
it is said that he was bound over to court but, in my own
opinion is he was not. It is very difficult to find out anything
about the case, as all the officials in this place are his warmest
friends they say here that it was an accident and that King
and the Freedmen were friends and that he King had had the
negro in the war with him and liked him very much.

This is private as we can do nothing here; all such cases
as this must be reported to the military authorities. There is one fact
I want to call your attention to; you will remember that our Legislature
last winter passed an act fixing every body ^{in this State} from 18 to 50, two
dollars Poll Tax without any regard to color. That is all right
as no one ought to enjoy the protection of the law without helping
to support the Govt. State as well as Federal. But look further and
see what did. They issued State Bonds to the amount \$600,000
to buy support for the indigent and this tax is to raise that money
as well as to defray other expenses. Now the Gov. went North and
bought 50,000 bushels of corn to feed the poor. A thousand sacks
came to this county making 2500 bushels and there is not a single
gram of that corn being used to a single Freedman. Now I ask
is this just, I ask where is their consistency they are plotting
about here continually about taxation and representation being
synonymous. They excuse the Yankees for not allowing rebels to
take seats in Congress. But this is to be as sound as if in my own
pocket. I have written this in confidence in order to put you
in possession of this valuable information.

C. C. Sheats
Agt.

Office Bureau R. & O. S.
Decatur Ala, Sept. 8th 1866

Sheats C. C.

To Col. Jm. B. Callis.

Col.

I have just learned that the issue
of Govt. rations would be discontinued after this month. It is to be
regretted for humanitarian sake as the amount of suffering will be
indescribable. The crops in the mountains are sorry and
especially among the poor people who were scarce of work
of work stock. The Freedmen in this part of the State against
drawing rations has grown out of the fact that a few Freedmen
are being shipped out of the Govt. rations, and have therefore reported
good crops. Examine for a moment the conduct of our authorities
they have made purchases of corn and other articles of necessity for
the poor of these counties, and have absolutely refused to let the
Freedmen have anything in a single instance. Now if the Govt.
ceases to supply their urgent wants, what in "God's" name will
become of them, the answer is emphatically they must starve
and with them thousands of the poor all over this country who
have neither means nor anything to get the necessities of life with - it is
not in the country and they have nothing to offer for it except their
work and that will not get it as men cannot afford to give
away money for provisions and then take work for it when they
have no use for the work. This is no fancy sketch of the state of affairs
in this country. Without help it will be impossible for the poor people
and freedmen to live through this winter; there has been twenty percent
more applicants this month than last one great cause of it is there
has been an unusual amount of sickness this year and that has
caused much destitution, and it continues to increase all the time; the
extent of it incalculable. If you deem it necessary for the relief
of the destitute you can submit this letter to Genl. Swayne. I would
not have this letter made public as it is no reflection of the treatment
of Freedmen that I would not like to become the author of.

Yours Truly

C. C. Sheats
Agt.

Office, Surgeon in Charge Freedmen's Hosp.
Huntsville Ala Sept 11th 1866.

Fitch P. H. D.

to Col. Jm. W. Callis

Col. Col. and Capt.

Bureau of Land (U. S. & C.)

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the man you turned over to us died last night and would respectfully request information as to what shall be done with her.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully your obt. servant

H. D. Fitch

Hospital Steward

By order of E. R. Fitch A. A. Surg. of Ft.

In Charge Freedmen's Hosp.

Jones Crossing Hunt. W. R.
Sept 10th 1866.

Samuel W. A.

To Col. Jm. W. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir,

I had the honor of addressing you a note on Friday last begging that you would come down immediately and see us - as you have not answered I concluded that it was inconvenient for you to come and I will try and state the case to you, so that you may understand the true condition of affairs and then be able to advise. In the beginning of the year Paul Jones rented my place from me giving me a loan on the crop for the rent. He six hundred acres he put in cotton, having about 300 acres besides in corn. In culture this crop he had 60 hands and thirty two mules and horses. Owing to the indolence of the hands and the drought he will make no corn and not more than forty bales of cotton - that you may know that the failure was attributable in a great measure to the gross neglect and indolence of hands, I need only state that his brother Dr. Raymond Jones

one the place adjoining mine with 80 hands and 14 mules will make 100 bales and on all his adjoining places he will make more than twice as much with one half of the labor and stock. Mr. Paul Jones on his return from Va. last week finding himself entirely ruined and owing \$15,000 could not possibly gather the crop was bound for the rent he came to me and said that he wished me to turn in and gather the crop and pay myself he was not in a condition to gather the crop himself. I then went over and proposed to such hands as were left to hire them, pay them 85 cts per hundred, and as I told them if they will go to work and gather the crop, I will pay the rent \$3,000 and pay them up all back wages. For according to the books \$698.00 will settle with them in full up to date.

They all seem willing to go to work and gather the crop upon the terms that I proposed, but on Thursday last (last night) came from Huntsville and reported to me that you said that you would come down and attend to this matter and that I could not touch the work of the cotton. Of course I don't wish to throw my money or rations away having the crop gathered and then not be able to touch the cotton. After I had been at the expense of gathering it, I have of course suspended the issue of all rations until you were heard from. The negroes are all anxious to go to work and whenever you say go ahead I will pitch in and gather the crop. Hoping to hear from you through the bearer, and that you will see the propriety of my proceeding immediately to gather the crop. I am Col.

Your obedient servant

W. C. Russell

The above was mutually settled on the 11th inst. personally as follows,

By having the men paid up to this date, and the hands are to pick the cotton, and to receive 85 cents per hundred lbs. and each one is to pay out of said 85 cts. the sum of 35 cts. for each day's rations.

Jm. Callis

War Dept Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Washington Sept 10th 1866

Order William

to Col. Robt. J. O. Callis

Sept. 8. R. F. and A. S.

Monteville Ala.

Col.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. requesting to be furnished with 100 forms "application for commutation of Rations while Prisoners of war," and to forward by to days mail 60 forms 40 having been sent you on the 3rd inst. Please acknowledge the receipt.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servant

Wm Fowler

A. A. General

Bureau Refugee R. F. and A. S.
Monteville Ala. Sept 7th 1866

Sheffield D. S.

to Col. Jno. O. Callis

Col.

The above is a true and correct copy Report of the issues of Rations for the Month of Sept.

Col. if another issue is to be had please forward as soon as convenient.

I am sir,

Truly Yours

D. S. Sheffield

Apt. R. F. and A. S.

Marshall La Ala

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala.
Office, Apt. A. M. Montgomery Ala. Sept. 6th 1866

Browning Geo. D.

to Col. Jno. O. Callis

Sept. 8. R. F. and A. S.

Monteville Ala.

Col.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Requisition for Stationery shipped to your address. Please sign and return as soon as convenient.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servant

Geo. F. Browning

St. P. R. Co. Ala. A. M.

Monteville Ala. Sept. 8th 1866

Means M. E.
to Col. Callis

Sir.

Will you please figure the following facts concerning the Freedmen's school at this place. Whilst Rev. Lazen was here last - He stated that the Bureau had an appropriation to school those that are not able to pay tuition. This having busted up my prospects as a pay school will have to look for a support elsewhere or close school as our society cannot support us. There could be 7 or 8 schools in the County if there was a man to start them with no other cost than establishing and superintending as the people will pay one dollar per month per scholar and there are none that will work them and take their own risk. Could there not be a man to do this under pay of \$2000? Please reply soon.

Respectfully Yours
E. M. Means

Smith Stanhise C. M. D.
 Dr Col. Jm. B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala. Sept 15th 1866.

I certify that I am a practicing Physician, that I reside in that section of Madison county called Cold Beach, and am a neighbor of William H. Horton.

And I respectfully represent that there are on the premises of said Horton, Eleven cases of small pox all colored that I am treating these cases are now all convalescent, but are unable as yet to move about, and they are all to my certain knowledge in a suffering condition for subsistence. The persons included in the above statement are some of them in the employ of Mr Horton.

(Signed) Stanhise Smith C. M. D.

Stevenson Alabama
 McCauley John
 Dr Col. Jm. B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala.
 Colonel

I send you enclosed a copy of Bill of sale and certificate of sale of some property sold by order of Capt Goodfellow Dec. 2nd 1865. Esg Rogersd has returned the property to Kemp Hill, the former owner in act of rebellion, and Mr Rogersd looks to your court for redress. This Kemp Hill abandoned the Co. for some time to evade the military for shooting the man Williams who is now at Bridgeport makes one aim. I hope you will be able to reach this case. This man Rogersd is and has been a good Union man, during the war, and I hope he will get his own.

At one time the proof could be had very strong against Kemp Hill for laying wait and shooting Williams and trying to rob him of his laborer. I am truly your humble servant

John McCauley
 Capt & M. B.
 Stevenson Ala

Stevenson Ala, Dec. 2nd 1866.
 Walton Wilmer:
 (Boys of James Williams (colored) of private sale this day one pair of Oxen.
 Received Payment
 \$30.00

(Signed) James Williams
 By his Attorney in fact
 (Signed) H. C. Webb.

Approved, and I hereby certify that said oxen were first duly offered at Public sale, and were not then sold for want of bidder; and I further certify that the said property was seized and sold pursuant to direction received from Capt. J. M. Goodfellow, Capt. of Ordnance Bureau Dist. No. Ala. as the property of James Kemp Hill, toward satisfying the claims of James Williams (colored) for work and labor done and performed for said James Kemp Hill, by said James Williams.

Stevenson Ala, Dec. 2nd 1866.
 C. Martin Hartman
 Capt 40th U. S. G. Inf.
 Comd'g M. & Forces
 Stevenson Ala

Walker James M.
 Dr Col. Callis
 Col.

Kinzle Miss. Sept 14th 1866.

I send you the pay account of Mr Walker 110th Col. Regiment. You will forward the same, write me at this place on receipt, and any information about the matter how far from home to proceed will be given. Yours in haste

James M. Walker

War Dept Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Co. &
Washington Sept 6th 1866.

Dwight William

to Col. W. C. Cullis Jr.

A. A. & R. R. & and A. S.

Montgomery Ala.

Col.

In reply to your communication of the 16th ult, requesting to be furnished with copies of orders relating to the cessation of the payment of bounties to volunteers, I have the honor to state, that such orders were issued from the War Dept through the Provost Marshal Genl's office, and not promulgated in General orders for the information of the army. I have not been able to procure a copy of the order referred to, but cite the following extract from "Paymaster's Manual" which will give you the desired information to wit: "By orders of the War Dept through the Provost Marshal Genl's office the 30th of Sept. 1865, is assumed as the date beyond which under the calls of the President of July 18th and Dec. 19th 1864, volunteering with bounty shall cease. All men offering to enlist do so without bounty." Circular No 35 Paymaster General's office, May copies of General orders relating to bounties, and correct and definite instructions on the subject will be furnished from this office as soon as practicable.

General Order No 115 War Dept A. S. O. 1865, refers to bounties paid to men enlisting in the Regular Army; the time for payment of bounty to that class of soldiers having been extended to July 1st 1865.

Very Respectfully &c

(Signed) William Dowler U. A. Genl.

Ad. Quarter Genl. Dist. of Alabama

Montgomery Ala. Sept. 10th 1866

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of officers of the Bureau who are forwarding claims

Very Respectfully &c

J. D. Cunningham

1st Lt. & a. a. G.

Col. W. C. Cullis Jr.

Sept. A. R. & and A. S.

Huntsville Ala.

Kaysville Sept. 18th 1866,
Jordan W.
to Col. J. W. Cullis

Dear Sir,

I wish you to inform me if convenient of Paragraph 3 three general order from War Dept Sept. 15th 1866, and Paragraph 5 same order, also I wish you to inform me whether unsettled Freedmen in suits for money with one settled in the country and making a crop has any right to the advantage of the Civil Stay Law. When a judgment has been obtained for loaned money. The Freedman Peter Norham has a case which he will relate to you, and you will please inform me how to act in such cases.

Very Respectfully your obedt servant
W. Jordan

Kaysville Tenn. Sept. 17th 1866.

O'Neill John

to Col. J. W. Cullis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 16th inst. in relation to the discharge papers of Pvt. Thomas Davidson would have been answered earlier but for my absence from home. Since they were sent to Washington in connection with his claim, I have not heard from them, I learned however when in Washington last week that those claims were likely to receive speedy attention. Of course as soon as I learn anything definite in their regard I will advise Mr Davidson at once.

Very Respectfully &c,
John O'Neill
per Mrs J. Hynes

Percy S. C.
2d Co. Patton

Sir,

Dorance May 16th 1866.

One of the little ones of our friends R. & Kernachan, had a small bay mule, belonging to him, which was taken from him by a federal soldier without orders, afterwards the mule was brought back by Gen. Wilson's command and shipped away from the command by Russell Houston co. adj. of this County, and concealed in a smoke house until General Wilson left here.

Mr. Kernachan applied to a magistrate to have the mule returned to him, and on the trial proved the mule as above stated but in as much as the mule had a U.S. Brand on it the magistrate declined doing anything in the case, why he has no doubt it was Willie Kernachan's mule, but did not want to interfere with military property.

Mr. Kernachan says Willie, who is under 12 years of age is much distressed about his mule and his father naturally desires him to get him, and desires you to state the case to Gen. Swayne and ask him to permit his little son, to keep the mule until the Government of the United States calls for it. Mr. K. believes R. Houston will give up the mule to his little son if Gen. Swayne will so order and he is willing to give bond and security for the delivery of the mule upon demand of the Govt. Please present the little boy's petition at your earliest convenience. Mr. Kernachan in order to gratify his little son, offered to pay R. Houston for the mule, but he refused that proposition.

Very Respectfully
S. C. Percy

Dorance Ala. Sept 17th 1866.

Received of Russell Houston one small Bay mule, the mule claimed by R. & Kernachan as the property of his son Willie Kernachan.

R. T. Kernachan

Miller Joseph H.
2d Co. Jno. S. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

New Market Sept. 18th 1866.

Sir,

I hereby certify that Mary Jane Miller (Colored) is living on my farm; was formerly a slave belonging to me, before the war. She is now in a very destitute condition having five children and nothing to feed them on. Scarcity of money, low wages &c. renders it impossible for her to maintain herself and without help from some source will certainly suffer. I most respectfully recommend her to the Charity of the Government.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Joseph H. Miller

Rogers R. A.
2d Co. Jno. S. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Huntsville Ala. Sept 18th 1866.

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to inform me, what a discharged colored soldier may expect in regard to the bounty due by the Govt. also let me know how to proceed to establish a claim, and such other information as you may possess concerning the same, and oblige.

Yours respectfully

R. A. Rogers

Jones Maj. John

to Col. Jm. B. Callis

Office Bureau D. R. and A. S.
Courtland Ala. Sept. 20th 1866

In reply to your despatch I have the honor to report that there is no disinfectant tent in this office. The tent sent for Small's Port Hospital were destroyed on the disappearance of the disease.

Very Respectfully &c.
Jm. Jones Col. Maj.
and Agt. for Laurence C.

Mitchell William D.

to Col. Jm. B. Callis

Rev. Friends

Nashville Tenn. Sept. 18th 1866

My dear friends

Letter came duly to hand. I sent it at once to Pittsburg endorsing it with my opinion that the way is clear. I presume by this time you have seen Mr. McCollough. I have not heard a word yet from him. He is a great deal more capable than he looks to be. I enclose a letter from Mr. Draville the Pitts. Secretary, and make the enclosed application for aid at Stevenson. One of the houses we are to rent at Huntsville is for school purposes for the normal class. I make an application for that also, submitting both to your judgment knowing that you will go exactly according to order, and we wish I am sure meeting to which we are not fairly entitled. Will you please feel free to advise and counsel the teachers I have sent. We are desirous that public attention should not be specially drawn to them. With appreciation and regards.

Cones

Wm D. Mitchell

Mitchell William D.

to Col. Jm. B. Callis

Superintendent

Nashville Tenn. Sept. 17th 1866

The undersigned would respectfully ask that the Bureau rent for the Freedmen at Stevenson a lot on which to put a building for school purposes which they have, also that the Bureau will put such building in suitable order for school purposes. The rent of the land is \$37.50 per annum and the cost of repairs and etc will not be more than \$150.

Mr. James Nichols is the teacher in charge at Stevenson. Also that the Bureau will rent at Huntsville a house belonging to James Steele for the purpose of a free normal class for the preparation of colored teachers at an annual rent of \$200 per annum.

Very Respectfully
William D. Mitchell
Supt. Schools for the
Pitts. Freedmen's Society
Commissioner

Pittsburg Sept. 14th 1866

Draville Joseph S.

to William D. Mitchell

I'm writing to Mr. Buckley, Supt. of education in connection with Gen. Swayne, some 2 or 3 weeks ago as possibly I mentioned to you, I spoke of the matter of houses etc. I have just received from him under date of Sept. 8th a letter saying

"I am authorized to state that Gen. Swayne will cheerfully aid you in securing school houses at Huntsville provided you chance to make application to him. I invite you to use great freedom in making your wants known to him. We have procured the large Warmie Hospital at Mobile for school purposes. This will supply the southern extreme of the State. I trust that your aid we may supply equally well the northern extreme.

Thus you see what he says. As I had written to

Mr. Corson yesterday I have just copied the above
 direct for him, so that whatever may be done, may be
 done intelligently. We get it not be well to wait for
 of this offer. Having been on the ground you will understand
 better what it is best for us to ask for at Huntsville, Decatur
 and possibly other places.

Do let me hear from you on the subject im-
 mediately, and I guess I'll delay replying to Mr. Buckleys
 letter till I get your answer. Depending each a spirit at Head
 Quarters at Montgomery, I should think, Col. Callis would
 be our friend in his kind feelings & his spirit to do all he
 can for our plans.

Yours &c.

Jos. S. Dracille

Copy of the above furnished for the
 information of Col. John P. Callis
 Sept. 18. 1866
 A. S. Huntsville Ala.

Quartermaster Genl's Office No. 1 of
 Clothing and Equipage
 Washington City D. C. Sept. 18. 1866

Perry Alon J.
 To Col. Jno. P. Callis
 Sir

Your Return of Clothing Samples and
 Garrison Equipage, received as Direct Col. W. H. G. & Col. Col.
 Vols and Capt. of I. W. D. and A. S. for August 1866, has been recd
 and examined at this office, and sent to the Second Auditor
 of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully your obedient servant
 By Order of the J. M. General
 Alon J. Perry
 Col. A. M. D. C.
 Act. Brig Genl

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala.
 Montgomery Ala. Sept. 18. 1866
 Wayne Wager General
 To Col. Jno. P. Callis
 Sept. 18.
 Washington D. C.
 Colonel

Your letter
 of the 7th inst. is received. After repeated conference with the
 Mr. Cruikshank and myself at the instance of General Howard, a project
 has been set on foot which will in a great degree relieve the
 in this State, unless it fail through a certain unfortunate action
 of the State Authorities themselves. Your activity in the matter
 of schools gives me much satisfaction. Since I saw you I
 have learned from General Howard that he has grave doubt
 as to his ^{own} authority to employ and pay teachers. With his usual
 generous magnanimity - he has advised what has been done and
 authorized its continuance to November first. Meanwhile I
 have sent him an earnest appeal, and an exposition of the ~~State~~
 which I hope will remove his apprehensions.

The two hundred and fifty dollars you ask for for repairs,
 we shall be unable to send you until the close of the month, for the reason
 that it must first be estimated for and procured from the Dept.
 He will try to have it forthcoming at that time. I am very glad
 to hear that the Petersburg Institute will probably be located in
 Ala. Please write me some further account of it in reply to this.

Some time since in making recommendations for the Veterans
 Reserve Corps (Regular) I understood from Col. Cadle that you were
 not an applicant. Is this still the case?

As the issue of rations will in great measure cease with
 that of this month, and there must always be a strong leaning to economy
 in the public service, I have to request you to go close up the affairs of
 the commissary department that the large clerical force now
 employed in it can be discharged on or before the first of Oct.

Respectfully

Your obedient servant
 Wager Duayne
 Maj. General

Whiting per Logan
to Col. J. B. Callis

Mobile Ala. Sept. 18th 1866

Monteville Ala.
Colonel

Your Postage acct. were received yesterday. I presented them to Capt. Erison who informed me that at present he was out of funds but that he expected to be able again in a few days, and requested me to hold the acct. and write you.

Very Respectfully &c.

Joseph Logan

Quar. & R. B. Agt. Dept. of War
Dist. of Mobile

Capt. Whiting is absent on 40 days leave.
J. B.

Bucher Edwin

to Col. J. B. Callis

Montgomery Ala. Sept. 19th 1866

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith \$4.80 in payment of the claim of Mr. Ong to July 15th. Please hand it to him. Mr. Kinsman says he sent the photographs. For fear they may have miscarried I send one. I think them very poor ones.

Truly Yours

Edwin Bucher

May W. D.
to Col. Callis

Monteville Sept. 19th 1866

The issue of rations we learn are now to be discontinued. The rations for the month of Sept. have been received and properly issued by Col. Sheffield. I would ask if possible for a continuance of the rations. We have at least one thousand women and children in our county who are entirely destitute. They have nothing on the earth to eat and all stock the hills and fear is in almost every family; there are destitute families in my county in which they are all stock and living on fruit entirely and no person in the county able to assist; the crop almost a failure except on the river.

Your obedient servant

W. D. May Judge P.

Sheffield James I.
to Col. Callis

Monteville Sept. 19th 1866

Sir,

Your has been received informing me of the discontinuance of the rations after this month. The Sept. issues have been received and issued. I endeavored to make them meet the wants of the aged suffering but they fell short. What is to become of the poor women children, old and infirm men God only knows. There are at least one thousand of this class, totally destitute and the citizens and county unable to help them. I do therefore most respectfully appeal to the authorities who control the rations to continue the same and as in duty bound we will ever pay.

I am &c. Yours Truly

J. L. Sheffield

Marshall Co. Ala.

Alfred Coal Miner, Tenn.
Sept. 24th 1866

Heathcock Joseph E.
to Col. Jno. P. Callie

Dear Sir,

After leaving you so abruptly at the Hotel on the evening of the 14th I concluded to write to you when I arrived home, about the Bounty of which we were talking about. I was a member of the 7th Wis. Vols. Inf't. from the time it was organized until it reentered which was on the 1st of January 1864. Reentered with it, was mustered out and drew one hundred dollars Bounty and served until the Regt. was discharged, but was unfortunate enough to serve ten months in Rebel Prison. If you can collect any more bounty on my first enlistment I will give you the chance. I have my discharge by reason of re-enlistment. Please let me hear from you & oblige

Yours Truly

Joseph Heathcock

Sept. 24th 1866

By Telegram from Tusculum 24th 1866
to Col. Jno. P. Callie.

I send to day, two Hospital Amb
pals and files.

Telegram

Jno. H. Green

Quartermaster General's Office, Dep't. of Clothing
and Equipage Washington D.C. June 29th 1866

Perry Alex. S.

to Col. Jno. P. Callie

7th V. R. C. Capt. P. R. Dr. A. S.

Sir:

Your Returns of Clothing and Camp and Barrison Equipage rendered as Col. Callie 7th V. R. C. Capt. P. R. Dr. A. S. for the months of April and May 1866, have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Remarks.

April 1866 Receipt Roll should be properly witnessed as required by Par. 1159 Army Regulations.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

By order of the Q. M. Genl

Alex. S. Perry

Col. Q. M. Dept.

and Asst. Brig. General

Dept of the Interior - Pension Office
Aug. 23, 1866

Barrett Jos. E.
Surg. Genl.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date & cause of death of Robt. E. Rogers who was a Priv. in Co. G, 1st Ala Cav. Vol who is reported to have died at Barton depot Ala on the 24th day of July 1863 killed by the enemy upon suspicion of being a Union spy. Please attach this Circular to your report, and return the same to this office.

Jos. E. Barrett
Aug 2

See E. B. p 108

Office Bureau Agency, R. I. and A. S.
Athens Ala. Bkph, 25th 1866

Sanford James

To Col. Jm. B. Callis

Colonel.

I received your favor of the 15th per hand of Patrick colored man, who farmed in partnership with Mr. Jm. H. Clark near Morsville this year, and according to Patrick's account of the matter made a very good crop.

This man Hunt drove him off in July and refused to let him come on the place. Patrick came to me and I told him Mr. Hunt a notice to appear at my office and show cause if he could for discharging Pat and to furnish him rations until the matter could be settled, all of which he disregarded. I sent him notice again to appear here all of which he refused to do, saying that the Bureau had nothing to do with his business. After waiting on him a reasonable time Patrick went to you, and on receipt of yours of 15th I immediately sent him written notice to come up for the purpose of appointing Referees to examine the crop and value the labor of said Patrick. I set last Thursday as the day for him to appear for that purpose, but he disregarded the notice as I have nothing from him.

What further steps must I take? Appoint referees myself and then order him to pay the Boy what they determine? It seems to me that this would be the only proper course; for if Patrick was to sue him before the civil courts for the value of his labor he would be dead certain to get nothing. Mr. Hunt is one of these head-headed kind of men, whom you know exist to some extent in our State, and I am fearful that you will have to resort to extreme measures to do anything with him. Though I may be able yet to bring the matter round right.

At least I have a good deal of patience and shall not cease trying. I have a few other similar cases with which I am working along and believe I will succeed in amicably adjusting. But when a man refuses to come up and entirely disregards me, I will have to refer the matter to you. A man by the name of John Sumner in this county got an order from St. Jennings while he was here, requiring a colored girl to go and live with him. It seems that Sumner raised said girl as she belonged to him before the war, and he claims to have a bill against her for taking care of her last year while sick.

Now he says that the girl is living with Mr. Hallins on Rabbit Ridge but will not go to him - at least her uncle refuses to let her go.

Now I do not know exactly how to proceed in the case. If the girl is not willing to live with him, I don't see how I can force her to do so. I know this man Sumner to have the character of being a mean man, and I know that none of his former servants are with him which is a bad sign. If the girl (a minor) is willing to live with him, is it right for her uncle to restrain her, and force her to live with somebody else? Please drop me a line how to proceed in this. It seems that I ought to have the girl and her uncle brought up here, and let them tell their side of the question and then I can determine the matter. I would have done so before only for the instance of Jennings order which Sumner insists should be obeyed.

I feel very much obliged to trouble you in this way, and you must excuse a seeming voluminous correspondence on so trifling matters, but I do not wish to do anything wrong to either party, and use a good deal of patience to try to arrive at just and proper conclusions. I hope I will not trouble you often in this behalf.

The largest majority of the citizens of our county are willing to treat the colored people fairly and justly even kindly, and in a great many instances even better than they desire. But we will come across an occasional bad case.

I hope another year we will be able to make more equitable contracts and thereby get along smoothly. Give me your views on the two cases above named and that will serve me as a guide in the future. With assured that I will use all the diligence to render your Bureau a medium of usefulness in this country to all classes with whom it may have to deal.

I am Col. very respectfully

Your obedt servant

James Sanford

Nashville Tenn. Sept 25th 1866

Oetill John

To Col Jno B. Kallis

Huntsville Ala

Sir,

I have made application for Ruben, Brother, Benj. Hammond, Pvt. Co. A. 17th Regt. Co. S. C. I. But it has not been in file long enough to hear of the result, the "colored" claims are slow in working.

Very respectfully yours

Jno. Oetill
per Wm J. Hynds

General Bureau of P. & A. S.
Washington Sept 20, 1866

Eldridge Stewart, S. A.

To Col Jno B. Kallis

I have the honor to return herewith the papers you forwarded to this office under date of August 3rd 1866 in the father's claim for Bounty on account of Cyrus Harris deceased into service 1st Regt. S. C. I.

The deceased having been a slave at time of enlistment no bounty is due under existing laws and regulations. Please acknowledge receipt of enclosed paper.

Very respectfully

Wm J. Hynds

S. A. S. Genl.

Office Bureau of P. & A. S.

Washington Ala. Sept 27th 1866

Hyde William W.

To Col Jno B. Kallis

Huntsville Ala

Sir,

In view of the destitute condition of the people in the Mountain Counties of Northern Ala, Sir, after a careful investigation of the people's condition, owing to the dreadful drought of the past summer making the scarcity of provisions, there are hundreds of persons in the Mountain Counties who are compelled to starve to death if not supported by the Government or some other public aid; there are hundreds of persons supported by the Govt through the Freedmen's Bureau for many months, these people and many others are in a much worse condition than they were ten months ago and if aid from source is not given to the poor destitute whites and Freedmen of this section of the country, starvation is bound to be the final result, of hundreds of poor women and children, and I think it also is able to continue the distribution of rations to the poor and really destitute of North Ala.

I am satisfied that there is no possibility of getting provisions in any part of this country, and many of these people are not able to remove to a land of plenty and comfort, then this benighted fact they are doomed to stay here, starve and die. This destitution is not the fault of hundreds of these poor people. The long protracted war first took the devastation of their property, and on that the drought of two years caused the shortness of crops which has made it impossible for these people to help themselves. Sir, I would be much pleased for you to call the attention of the officers of the Govt to these facts, that they may do as their wisdom sees fit if any other statements should be necessary in connection with this, please apprise me of the facts and oblige

Your obedient servant

W W Hyde

Ag't of P. & A. S.

Stevenson Sept. 29th 1866

Lieut Allen
to Col. Jm. B. Callis

Dear Sir,

As Col. Webb has removed from this here and I am a partner of his, I received some documents from him to be delivered to Esq. J. B. Ragsdale. I gave the Esq. the order requiring him to have certain property delivered at once to the purchaser, of certain property sold by Military order belonging to James Hemphill in favor of one Williams (Colored) the Justice says he does not agree with you in your decision but will give an order to have the property returned to keep his head out of the halter, but will give said Hemphill an appeal to the Circuit Court where he will gain his property. I am satisfied that it will take something besides the Justice's order to regain this property. I have those bills of sale in my possession if you wish them sent back to you, please inform me and I will send them at once. It is dark excuse my badly written lines, I am yours truly F. S.

Allen Lieut

A. B. Esquire dare not send the officer with an order to return the property to the rightful owner, while he did send him with a writ to take the same from them.

Allen Lieut

Col John B. Callis
Capt J. B.

Carroll, Ill. Sept 27th 1866

Wood Geo. H

to Col. John B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir,

Daylor Anderson Pri and Geo Jones corp formerly of Company "H" in the 42nd Regt. S. C. Infth have lost their discharges. They have claims for bounty but cannot give me the proper data so as to enable me to collect their money. The Regt they inform me was mustered out at Huntsville Ala. Will you be so kind as to inform me of the day and year the Regt was mustered out.

Very Truly Yours

Geo. H. Wood

Florence Ala. Sept 28th 1866

Mear E. M.

to Col. Callis

Yours is at hand, would simply say in reply my school closed to day, so there will be no school here unless you send a teacher. I wrote at the request of Capt W. A. Dinger who has lost everything by fire consuming House and furniture. Truly he is discouraged of late but has many warm friends. Sister Dinger says remember her to her husband as well as to yourself.

Truly Yours

E. M. Mear

Office Bureau R. & Amb. A. S.
 Oakland Ala. Sept 23rd 1866

James M. Jones
 To Col. C. C. Butler
 Sir,

Admitted, you will please find Report of
 Rations issued at this office for the Month of Sept. I have the honor to
 state that the crops in this country are much better than anticipated.

The Freedmen are doing well except in some few instances where
 difficulties were brought about either from jealousy or drunkenness.
 The Freedmen are and will suffer for medical attendance. Physicians
 refusing to practice and take the process of civil law for collection of
 their claims on the ground that the Army law prohibits the collection
 of debts so long that they will lose their bills without an order
 from your office enforcing the prompt payment by the employers.

I have the honor to remain Sir,

Yours very respectfully
 J. M. Jones

Sept 23rd 1866

James M. Jones

War Dept. Bureau Refugees & Amb. A. S.
 Washington Sept. 21st 1866

Eldridge Stewart

To Col. C. C. Butler Jr.

A. S. Emb. Bureau R. & Amb. A. S.

Montgomery Ala.
 Col.

I have the honor

to enclose herewith forms of proof of marriage for vacation in the
 widows claim for pension on account of Drank Minor deceased late
 a Private Co. H. 11th Regt. C. S. If two eyewitnesses to the marriage
 of the parties are accessible their testimony should be furnished. If their
 testimony cannot be obtained by reason of their death or removal to
 parts unknown the other enclosed form can, with obvious modifi-
 cations be used. Evidence is required showing that the applicant has
 remained a widow since the death of her husband, with the evidence
 called for please return this letter.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant
 (Signed) Stewart Eldridge
 A. S. Emb.

War Dept. Bureau Refugees & Amb. A. S.
 Washington Sept. 22nd 1866

Eldridge Stewart

To Col. J. M. C. Butler

Dept. R. & Amb. A. S.

Montgomery Ala.

Col.

I have the honor

to return herewith the papers you transmitted to this office in the widows claim
 for pension on account of Clarence Harris deceased late a Private
 Co. D 15th Regt. C. S. Attention is respectfully invited to the error
 in the maiden name of applicant; also to the fact of the omission in
 the testimony of the identifying witnesses of the number of years appli-
 cant and deceased had resided together as husband and wife.

Evidence showing that the applicant has remained a widow
 since the death of her husband is required. Enclosed find forms for

of two eye witnesses to the marriage of the parties which you will please have executed in this case, as the marriage proof as accompanying the claim, cannot be received as evidence, with papers corrected and additional evidence called for, please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. servant
Stewart Eldridge
A. A. A. Genl

War Dept Bureau R. I and A. S.
Washington Sept 22nd 1866

Eldridge Stewart
To Col. C. C. Cadler
A. A. Genl R. I and A. S.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to enclose herewith declaration in the widows claim for pension on account of Edward Bohan deceased late Priv. Co. "A" 111th Regt of 6th. Evidence of the marriage of the parties is required similar to that called for in the case of Frank Menier, in a communication from this office of the 21st inst.

Evidence is also required, showing that the claimant has remained a widow a widow since the death of her husband, with the evidence called for please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Stewart Eldridge
A. A. A. Genl

War Dept Bureau Refugee Freedmen and A. S.
Washington Sept. 22nd 1866
Eldridge Stewart A. A. A. Genl.
To Col. C. C. Cadler Jr.
A. A. Genl R. I and A. S.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to return herewith the declaration in claim for widows pension on account of Richmond alias Dick Doney deceased late Private Company "K" 17th U. S. C. & forwarded by Col. John P. Curtis Esq. Bureau R. I and A. S. Huntsville Ala. through your office. The declaration is returned for the marriage by the Clerk of Court of the date of administering the oath. Evidence is required showing that the applicant has remained a widow since the death of her husband and giving the names, dates of birth and place of residence of the children of the parties now living under 21 years of age. If possible the evidence of two eye witnesses to the marriage of the parties (form enclosed) should be furnished, with the evidence called for please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. servant
Stewart Eldridge
A. A. A. Genl

War Dept Bureau Refugee Freedmen and A. S.
Washington Sept. 22nd 1866

Stewart Eldridge
To Col. C. C. Cadler Jr.
Montgomery Ala.
Col.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers you forwarded to this office, under date of August 3rd 1866, in the mother's claim on account of Hammond Reeves deceased late Priv. Co. "K" 44th Regt of 6th. Enclosed please find proper blank form in this claim, as any forms cannot be used in claims on account of deceased soldiers, with new declaration please return this letter.

Very Respectfully &c
Stewart Eldridge
A. A. A. Genl

War Dept. Bureau Refugee & Am. A. S.
Washington Sept. 26th 1866

Eldridge Stewart
To Col. John B. Wallis
Capt. D. R. Dand A. S.
Huntsville Ala.
Col.

I have the honor to return herewith the declaration you forwarded to this office in the widow's claim for pension on account of John McAb deceased late of Co. "B" 110th Regt. U. S. C. I. Enclosed find form of proof of dependence required in such claim for pension which you will please have executed before a Court of Record and return with declaration and this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Eldridge Stewart
A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept. Bureau Refugee & Am. A. S.
Washington Sept. 26th 1866

Eldridge Stewart
To Col. John B. Wallis
Capt. D. R. Dand A. S.
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel

In the claim of Nancy Whitman for widow's pension on account of Messrs. Whitman deceased late a Private Co. "E" 12th Regt. U. S. C. I. the evidence of two persons is required establishing the following facts viz. That the applicant has remained a widow since the death of her husband; the dates of birth of the children of the parties now living under six teen years of age and their present place of residence. The dates of birth of children are required as by the recent pension act; the widow is entitled to two dollars per month for each child under six teen years of age who reside with the mother and are dependent upon her for support. With enclosed declaration and the evidence called for, please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Eldridge Stewart
A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept. Bureau Refugee & Am. A. S.
Washington Sept. 27th 1866

Eldridge Stewart A. A. A. Genl.
To Col. John B. Wallis
Capt. D. R. Dand A. S.
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to return enclosed declaration in widow's claim for pension on account of Nelson Murphy deceased late of Co. "H" 111th Regt. U. S. C. I. Enclosed please find form of evidence of two eye witnesses to the marriage of the parties. The testimony of the person is required showing the applicant to have remained a widow since the death of her husband. Witnesses of the longest acquaintance with the parties should be selected to testify and they should be other than relatives of the applicant. With enclosed declaration and additional evidence called for, please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Eldridge Stewart
A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept. Bureau Refugee & Am. A. S.
Washington Sept. 27th 1866

Eldridge Stewart
To Col. John B. Wallis
Col.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers you forwarded to this office in the father's claim on account of Egbert Moore deceased late Corp. - 15th Regt. U. S. C. I. Evidence is required in this case showing what was the status of the applicant and mother of decedent, if slave is whether they belonged to the same or different masters and lived upon the same or separate plantations, and whether the care and custody of the children of the parties deceased included devolved upon the applicant and whether they are now living together as husband and wife. This evidence should be in the form of a joint affidavit of two or more persons, whose credibility must be certified to by the officer administering the oath, and which persons must depose to their disinterestedness in the claim of the person on whose favor they testify. Your attention is respectfully invited to the requirements of note 2 on back of declaration. This additional evidence should be furnished as soon as possible as the case can receive no further attention until same shall have been received. With this evidence please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Eldridge Stewart
A. A. A. Genl.

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Sept 28th 1866

Conyngnam Lt J. D.
To Col Jm B. Callis
Col.

The within papers relating to claims on account of private Richmond Sale of Company 28th 1st W. S. C. I. Hammond Reeves late of Co. 44th W. S. C. I. and Edward B. late of Co. 111th W. S. C. I. are respectfully referred to Col. Col. Jm B. Callis Capt. Dredman & Huntsville Ala, who will comply with the instructions from Maj. Eldridge Arch. Adjt. Genl. returning the papers through these Head Quarters. By order of

Maj. Genl. Wager Duayne
(Signed) J. D. Conyngnam
1st Lt 15th W. S. I. and C. A. A. Genl.

Huntsville near Huntsville Ala
Sept. 29th 1866

Christensen H.
To Col. J. B. Callis
Colonel

In answer of your of 29th regarding my presence in Huntsville in order to obtain my affidavit in the case of William and Washington Guly and Peter Carr formerly of my Co. I would state, that these men have forfeited their claim for commutation for rations on account of absence without leave they being absent from the Co. from the 13th day of Oct. 1864, to the 17th day of January 1866. Some others who did belong to my Co. are here and are entitled to said commutation; these I will bring some day this week.

I am Col.

Very Respectfully &c
H. Christensen

Offical Agt Lincoln Florence Ala Oct 2, 66

Enge C. A. A. Gt
To Col. Callis

Enclosed you will please find report of rations issued by me for the month of Sept 1866. School reports we have none as Mr. Myers has quit teaching. We are in the need of a teacher very much and should like to have one as soon as we could get him. I have had a very sad calamity befall me and a few of my neighbors. Everything we had in this world being destroyed by fire on the night of the 25th Sept, and it is highly probable and fully suspected by everyone that it was the work of an incendiary. My house was completely burned to the ground scarcely saving anything at all. I was taken very sick last Sunday and came very near dying and have not been able to leave my room up to this time, but am recovering very slowly. Feeling very bad and gloomy. I don't know what more to say at present. So if there is any mistake in the reports you will please look over them under present circumstances. With T. and myself send our best respects to yourself and all enquiring friends.

Respy

C. A. Teng Agt B. A. M.

Donnerville Ala Sept 26, 1866

Morrow Mro.

To Col Callie

I have been requested by the Commissioners Court of Morgan Co Ala for you to give them the report of the eighteen men to ascertain the number of destitute in this County, and according to their report, recently made there are nearly 250 who need rations, say 1000 white and 1000 black, and judging from the great failure in the crops, that number will be largely increased next year. I am therefore earnestly request you to use your influence to raise the rations of the Bureau and continue for this County. Having mingled freely with the people as County Supt of Education, I have had ample opportunity of seeing their condition, and fully concur with the statement and request.

Very Truly

Thos Morrow

Spec Agt RR & A R Blount Co Ala
Sept 3, 1866

Donner W. C. Agt

To Col Callie

I have heard all the testimony in that shooting affair of which I spoke when at Huntsville last, and find that one Mr. J. Jordan of Huntsville went to the Union army in the time of the war, and one Manley Cornelius and others robbed his wife of about 100 lbs Bacon and about 200 bushels of Corn and other things of smaller value; and after the surrender Jordan went to Cornelius for pay for his property, and Cornelius gave him his note for \$100., after which from him (Cornelius) gave Jordan a mule for the note, and Jordan had the mule in peaceable possession about twelve months. Cornelius, knowing that a Union

man could not get his own before the Union officers in our County, went before a J. P. and swore to the mule, and sent the Sheriff after him. Jordan told him he would not give the mule up. If Cornelius would go into a trial of the right of property, and recover it by law, he would give the mule up. The thing went on so far some time and on the 8th day of August, Cornelius Jordan was from home, and Joseph James, Green Jones, J. J. Washington and Frank Stephen stole the mule out of his pasture at the back of the field, and went with her through the woods 14 miles and then took the road home to Abraham Wade. Jordan got a State warrant for James and James not knowing at the time of the taking and went with a deputy Sheriff to arrest them with Green to assist them. When they got to Wade they hollowed and old man Wade came to the door. They asked for James. He told them to hunt him. They told him they had a State warrant for him, and did not want to hunt him but take him before a J. P. He told them he was not afraid, and was ready for them. The Sheriff with 2 or 3 men planted in the stable to get the mule, and were fired at by James and his men, who were concealed near the stable. Several shots were fired by both parties, but James' horse being concealed was not hurt. Jordan and two of his men were wounded. One John Murkhey was in the Company with James when the shooting was done. Then James and his set went before the Grand Jury and swore against them and was hunting them until they found out that the military was going to take notice of it, and now some of them are fixing to leave. I send you a copy of the warrants. You will do true

legally a great good in the County. To send of
 these men at once, and show them that they
 can not oppress true loyalists now. A
 J. L. dragged to a man, he had given a trouble
 judgment from the other day; that there was no
 military necessity here now, as much as to
 say we will do as we please with you here. We
 should you send troops after these men, you
 had better send them first to my residence by
 way of Father Mose Morgan Co, by John
 School house then to Jones Station Church
 my house.

Very Respy Yours &c
 And sincere friend
 W. C. Garrison
 Wat &c

In the said letter was enclosed a paper in words
 and figures following to wit:

Preamble and resolutions adopted by the
 U. S. A. Circle Blount Co. Ala. in General Meet-
 ing, on the 24th Saturday in Sept 1866.

Preamble.

Whereas in consequence of the war the poor
 loyalists of our County have been reduced to
 destitution and want and whereas Col. John
 Callie has informed us through our agent
 W. C. Garrison, that the Government will
 not furnish any more rations unless we make
 a petition sent to the proper authority, and
 whereas the death has cut the crop in our
 Mountain County so short that we are not
 able to support the destitute; and whereas J. W.
 Moore refuses to co-operate with our
 agent in sending up a petition for their relief
 and that the cause of his opposition is because Gar-
 rison is an uncompromising Union man; we the
 Members of the U. S. A. Circle and true Loyalists
 of Blount Co. Ala. do adopt the following resolution

Resolved 1st That though many of us were

led and forced into the rebel army, yet
 we have always been opposed to the rebellion and
 are doing all we can to organize our State
 according to the requirements of the Govt.

Resolved 2^d That we endorse the Constitutional
 Amendments proposed by Congress and oppose
 the installation of rebels into office in our State.

Resolved 3^d That we are in favor of a call
 for a new State Convention of men who can
 like the last call for the purpose of settling
 and amending our State Constitution, so as
 to enable us to re-construction in the Congress
 of the United States.

Resolved 4th That there are a plenty of true
 loyal men well qualified to fill all the offices
 in our State.

Resolved 5th That we endorse the recon-
 struction policy of the Congress of the United
 States, as we think Congress alone has the
 right to say whether we have a right to
 representation.

Resolved 6th That we unanimously ask
 the honor Col. John Callie Supt. Sub Dist. of
 Mountains Co. Ala. to continue the issue
 of rations to our County if possible and then
 your.

Resolved 7th That we believe that without
 aid from the Govt. many of the poor of our
 County will suffer and perhaps suffer from
 starvation. (Signed) W. M. Talbert,

W. C. Garrison Aaron Clemens
 J. W. Moore Eli Gilbert
 & A. B. R. & A. D. (Alma Allgood)

Blount County Alabama.

To the above copy resolutions is at-
 tached the following letter to wit:

General W. Swaine
 General.

Having travelled over the greater part of
the mountain country of North Alabama re-
cently, I am fully convinced of the truth of
the statement contained in the above letter
as regards the paucity of provisions and
consequent suffering in those regions.
Birmingham, Ala. Very respectfully,
Oct 12th 1866 J. J. Green

Wm M D
to Col. Ballis

Albany Ala. Oct 4th 1866

Will you have the kindness to send me the name
and address of the Bureau of Education for the State of Ala.
Very truly
Wm M D
Capt & S. Albany Ala.

War Dept Bureau Refuges D and A. S.
Washington Sept. 28th 1866

Eldridge Steward
to Port. Col. C. Badley Jr.
A. S. Emb. B. R. D and A. S.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

In the following
claims on account of Fobe Gatman deceased late Port. Co. D 17th Regt. M. T.
I have the honor to inform you that evidence is required showing what was
the status of the applicant and mother of decedent, it states i.e. whether
they belonged to the same or different masters, and lived on the same or
separate plantations, and whether the care and custody of the children
of the parties deceased included, devolved upon the applicant, and
whether they are now living together as husband and wife. This
evidence should be in the form of a joint affidavit of two or more
persons whose credibility can be certified to by the officer admin-
istering the oath, and which persons must depose to their disinterestedness
in the claim of the person in whose favor they testify.

This additional evidence should be furnished as soon as practicable
as the case can receive no further attention until same shall have been
received. With evidence called for please return this letter

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Steward Eldridge
Port. Maj. and A. A. A. Emb.

See B Book Page 114

War Dept Bureau Refuges Dredmen and A. S.
Washington October 3rd 1866

Eldridge Steward
to Port. Col. Jno. B. Ballis
Capt. Bureau D. T. and A. S.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to
enclose herewith form of proof of marriage required in the widows claim
on account of Wesley Gate late of Co. C 10th Regt. M. T. The form
requires a slight modification. If possible, the testimony of two eye witnesses
to the ceremony should be furnished, such evidence having the greatest weight.
The papers you forwarded in this case are herewith returned to enable you
to perfect the additional proof of marriage. Please return all papers in
this case with this letter to this office.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Steward Eldridge
Port. Maj. and A. A. A. Emb.

War Dept Bureau Refugee Direction and A.S.
Washington Oct 3rd 1866

Eldridge Stuart

To Bot. Col. Jm. Callis

Supt. Bureau R.F. and A.S.

Monticello Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor to enclose herewith form of evidence of two eye witnesses to marriage ceremony for execution in the widows claim on account of Edward Bohan late of Co. Kth 111th Regt W.F. C.T. The declaration is returned to you in the case to enable you to complete marriage proof. In all widows claims her marriage must be proved. With papers in the case please return this letter

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Eldridge Stuart

Bot. Maj. and A.A. & S. Genl.

Roberts Elder W. M. M.
To Col. Callis

Buford Station Oct 5th 1866

I was so busy picking out cotton I did not go to the Post Office, but the Post Master being so well acquainted with me, sent me my letters. I am a thousand times obliged to you for your great communication, you will please make out a new application.

Buford Station Minn.

Elder W. M. M. Roberts

War Dept Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Oct 4, 1866.

Eldridge Stuart A. S. G. L.

To Col. Callis

I have the honor to inform you that the 2^d Auditor of the Treasury has called upon this office for evidence showing whether the following named men, whose claims for arrears of pay &c. you forwarded to this office, were free on or before 17th April 1861.

If free at that date evidence will be required to establish the fact, but if not free, a simple acknowledgment of the fact, by the men in writing over their signature will be sufficient.

Jessie Hill to "I" 40 Regt U.S. Art.

Chas. Jenkins " " " "

Please furnish the evidence collected as soon as practicable, as the case can receive no further attention, until same shall have been placed on file.

Send the evidence with this letter to this office

Very Truly

Eldridge Stuart

Bot. Maj. & A.S.

Trinity School Athens Ala.
Oct. 8th 1866

Wm D.
to Col John B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst. Many thanks for information, especially respecting Bureau Supt. of Education for the State of Ala. also grateful acknowledgements for your kind suggestion in regard to bill of repairs which you will please find enclosed.

Repairs on Engineer Property, used as Freedmens School House Athens Ala.

Window Glass	\$14.40
Sicks Limes and Nails	20.65
Work of Carpenters	18.00
White washing	12.00
Repairs on Well	6.75
Fence	18.00
Sicks	200.00
Total	\$289.80

Wm D. Still
Supt. of E. Athens Ala.

Rome Ga. Oct. 6th 1866
Jurrentine W. C.
to Col. John B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived here last evening in search of my supplies for Sept. they have been detained here by the Rome & Rock for the want of the bills of lading. I regret the delay, I was in hopes to have been able to close up the matter in the month of Sept. but have failed to do so, but will at an early day send you a full report, and also a report and paper in the case of S. Williams. I proceeded to Decatur under your order and found that he had left there and gone to Dekalb. I called to see him - the particulars of the case I will report to you the matter has given me much trouble. I investigated the Freedmens case in St. Lawrence and set the matter all right - I have not heard from you on the subject of the stores in the Ware House at Decatur for Dekalb County. I cannot see what will be done with them for the agents in Dekalb will not take them away as they will not more than pay the freight and expense is increasing by way of storage. And the Hard Bread is now almost unfit for use - I hope so. you will pardon me for calling your attention to the matter again. But my anxiety that justice should be done to the stock and individuals must be my apology. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I have the honor to be Col.
Yours & devoted servant
Jurrentine W. C.
Agf

Baughn Pylon
to Col. Callis

The destitute of North Alabama and more particular of Winston and the adjoining counties to Col. Jm. Callis 1st Capt. Bureau R. I. and A. S. Smith Huntsville Ala. Dear Sir, we the undersigned respectfully represent that a large portion of the people of the Mountain Counties of North Alabama is now and will be entirely destitute of means of provisions unless provided for by the Govt. The destitution is caused on account of the Cavalry destroying the Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and all provisions of every kind during the rebellion and also by the dreadful drought that has continued last year, and this the provisions to support these destitute is not in the County bounds of this County and they have not the means to procure them with, and the most of them are entirely unable to go to where there are provisions. - It is utterly impossible for the poor whites and blacks to live in this section of the County without assistance from some source whereas former applications have been made to the Govt for aid for the poor and destitute of our County - we the undersigned and the most of the Citizens of Winston County return our sincere thanks to the Govt. of our fathers for its benevolent institutions, for the more general satisfaction of the Govt. - we the undersigned do certify that the number of destitute in the County of Winston alone is at least four hundred persons consisting of old helpless men and women and widows and orphan children of soldiers who died and were killed in the Federal Army during the rebellion we hope that the loyalty of the Citizens of Winston County is undisputed by all

Given under my hand and official seal

The 3rd day of Oct 1866

Pylon Baughn J. P. L.
J. W. Sovell Clerk
J. M. Cole Deft. Clerk

Jones John
to Col. Callis

Courtland Oct 10th 1866

Dear Sir,

I arrived here with my wife last Saturday Morning and telegraphed to you immediately on my arrival I have been sick ever since I left here a great portion of the time unconscious of anything and not expected to live. I was three weeks or over coming here last ten days at one place before I reached Philadelphia. I am still very sick and weak but manage to be about part of the time. If I improve any I and Mrs. J. will visit Huntsville on Saturday. Cholera has broken out here. a Freedman died last night. I had considerable difficulty in getting him buried. All seemed afraid. I finally pressed him into service, and gave the man a decent burial - One of the Citizens here refused to allow his hands to have anything to do with the case, I am anything he done with such characters.

I remain Dear Sir, Respectfully
Your Obedient servant
John Jones
Capt. Maj.

Chas. West to R. F. & A. S. Washington Oct 8, 1866.

Wm. H. Hodge May 1866
to Col. Callis

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 2nd inst. covering paper correcting widow's claim for pension on account of the late James H. Hodge 1st US Art. Enclosed please find forms of proof of marriage, which you will please retain. These forms, with obvious alterations can be used in all cases presented to you, when there is no record evidence of the marriage of the parties, in existence and the affidavit of the officiating minister cannot be obtained. The form of evidence of two eye witnesses to the ceremony has the greatest weight.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Wm. H. Hodge
Atty Genl

Nashville 10 Mo. 11th 1866
 Mitchell Wm J.
 To Col. Jno. B. Ballis
 Rev. Friend

I ship to you this evening a large box of nice goods for women and girls - I hope to be able to send you much more. - Wash childrens clothing as we can spare I propose to send to our lady teachers with instructions to aid the poor without reference to the school they belong to applicants to be visited unless known as in Nashville

The following is a list of contents. -

- 35 Womens undershirts
- 1 White Blouse
- 3 Blouse Wrappers
- 1 Gown
- 18 Womens Chemises (Collar)
- 1 Gown ^{Black} ~~Black~~
- 1 Gown Dress
- 9 Woolen Dresses
- 3 Blouse Dress Skirts
- 18 Childrens Gowns
- 3 White Blouse Skirts

I have not been able to get round to Florence yet as I have no man here to fill my place - I will write to the Agent there and see what can be done - I shall not pay the freight from Nashville to Huntsville on this box, supposing that you prefer to do this - If however there is no appropriation for such purposes, I will prepay here.

Miss Boyd and Miss Dea will I think at your request by note left at the East House Hotel promptly investigate any cases of applicants for clothing of whom you have any doubt - I give the parties a limit you - This is merely an offer of service in our time. Probably you will not need it - No restrictions are sent with any goods from these B. O. except the simple request that they be distributed under the eye of the party to whom sent.

Box 985,

With much respect
 Wm J. Mitchell

Office J. R. D. and J. D.
 Mobile Ala. Oct. 12th 1866

Sheals C. C.
 To Col. Jno. B. Ballis

Dear Sir,

There are enquiries being made at this office daily of this character - for instance if you rent your farm to another party for so much cotton, and that party employs freedmen to work it - can the first party collect the rent before the freedmen are paid for their labor -

There are many cases where men have leased their farms for so much cotton to Northern men, and they have hired freedmen, and there will not be enough made to pay the rent and higher of the freedmen - now in such cases which claim has precedence - I want you to give me specific orders in these cases as I have some to settle - You will please do this at once as they will not admit of delay - Will there be any more rations sent to this district for distribution - If so let me know in advance so that I may be able to take a kind of census to prevent the abuse of the privilege that has heretofore been practical upon the Bureau.

I am yours truly
 C. C. Sheals.

Recher Edwin

To Col. J. B. Hallis

Montgomery Ala.

Montgomery Ala. Oct. 8th 1866

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith \$889, also
triplicate for \$20, - making \$909, to be applied in payment of
your account current for Sept & Oct. the vouchers of Mrs
W. E. Patterson for \$160, which I return also enclosing your acct
#221 - for Sept. I return your account for a slight correction.
In addition to the certificate that you have not drawn commutation
or quarters or fuel in kind it is necessary to add "nor am I entitled
to commutation therefore" You can add that to the certificate, I
will do so, but prefer it should be in the same hand. Please return
soon as convenient. You neglected to enclose your order. As we are
liable to be mustered on any day, I wish you to send the order that
I may endorse it.

Genl. Swayne says that if vouchers are presented he will
pay Mrs. Patterson for the last month at \$36, for month as we had
been paying only \$30, for several months - he thinks it would not
now be allowed to pay the difference (4 months).

Very Yours
Edwin Recher

Please advise me of receipt of this

Mitchell J. J.

To Col. J. B. Hallis

Dear Sir,

Scottsboro Ala. Oct. 11th 1866

I send you to day my Report of
issues for the Month of Sept. supplies which I hope will be satis-
factory received. We have nothing very interesting to say to
you at present. - We are tending Court in our County at present
we have seen some things trying to be done this week that did not
work according to what you wrote me as to the binding out of
minor heirs, but I interfered and stopped the matter. One instance
only has come under my notice, that I stopped at once. I
have one other matter but I will not undertake to give you the
details of it yet as I am not fully prepared concerning vagrants.

I saw one likely colored boy vagrant & or sold here
on Monday as a vagrant. Col. Mead who I understand lives
in your County Madison had him vagrant. I will give
you a full account of the matter so soon as Court is over
in this County as I wish to gather all the facts I can about
the matter before I report to you, and this week is a very
busy one with me. I remain

Very Respectfully Yours
J. J. Mitchell

War Dept Bureau K & A S
 Huntsville Ala. Oct 9, 1886

Eldridge May Stuart A A G
 To Col. Cullis

I have the honor to acknowledge herewith the papers you forwarded to this office in the widow's claim for arrears of pay &c on account of Frank Skinner late of Co "A" 11th Regt U.S.C.T. to enable you to prepare evidence of marriage required in the case.

Please return this letter with the papers in the case.

Very Resp &c

Shuart Eldridge Bt May & A. G.

War Dept Bureau K & A S
 Washington D.C. Oct 10, 1886

Eldridge Bt May Stuart A A G
 To Col. Cullis

I have the honor to return herewith the papers you forwarded to this office in the widow's claim for pension on account of Wesley Kate late of Co "A" 11th Regt U.S.C.T. The affidavit adduced in proof of marriage cannot be received as evidence, not having been subscribed by the officiant. The date of birth of the child of the parties must be proved, as also that she has not abandoned its support, nor permitted it to be adopted by any other person or persons as her or their child. The claimant neglected to make her name to her declaration. With papers in the case, please return this letter.

Very Resp

Shuart Eldridge

Bt May & A. G.

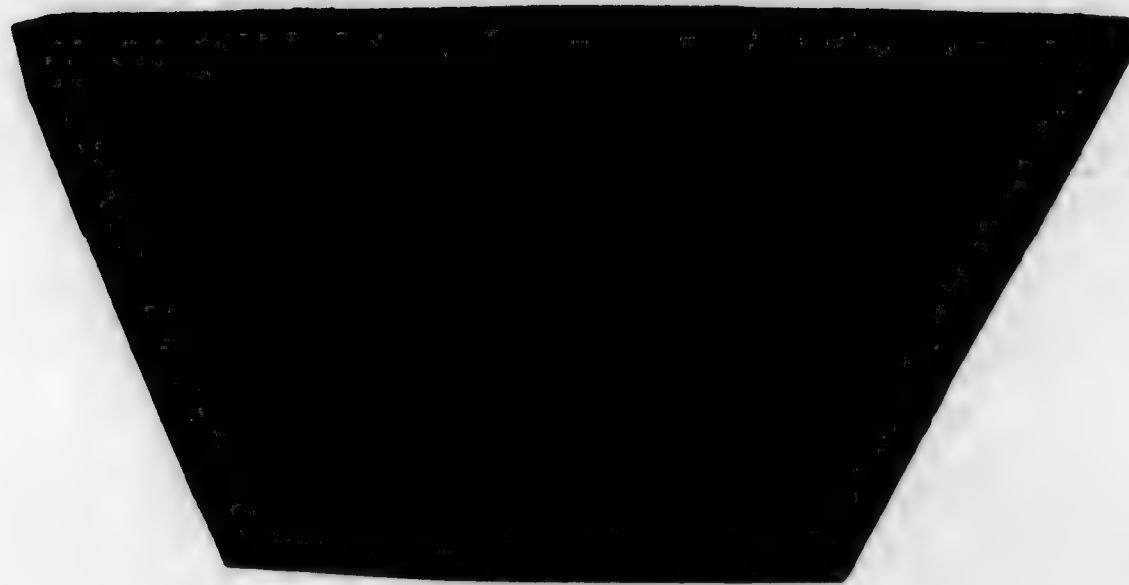
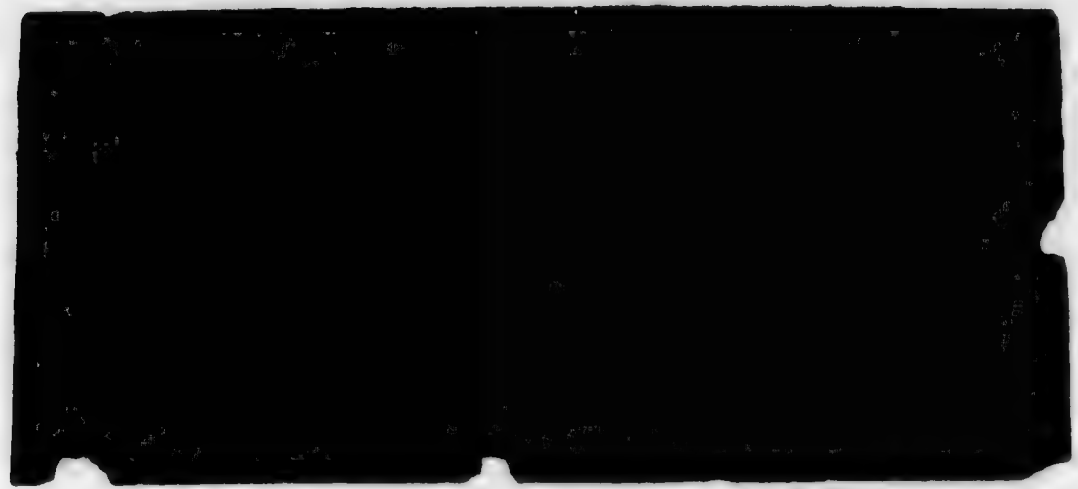
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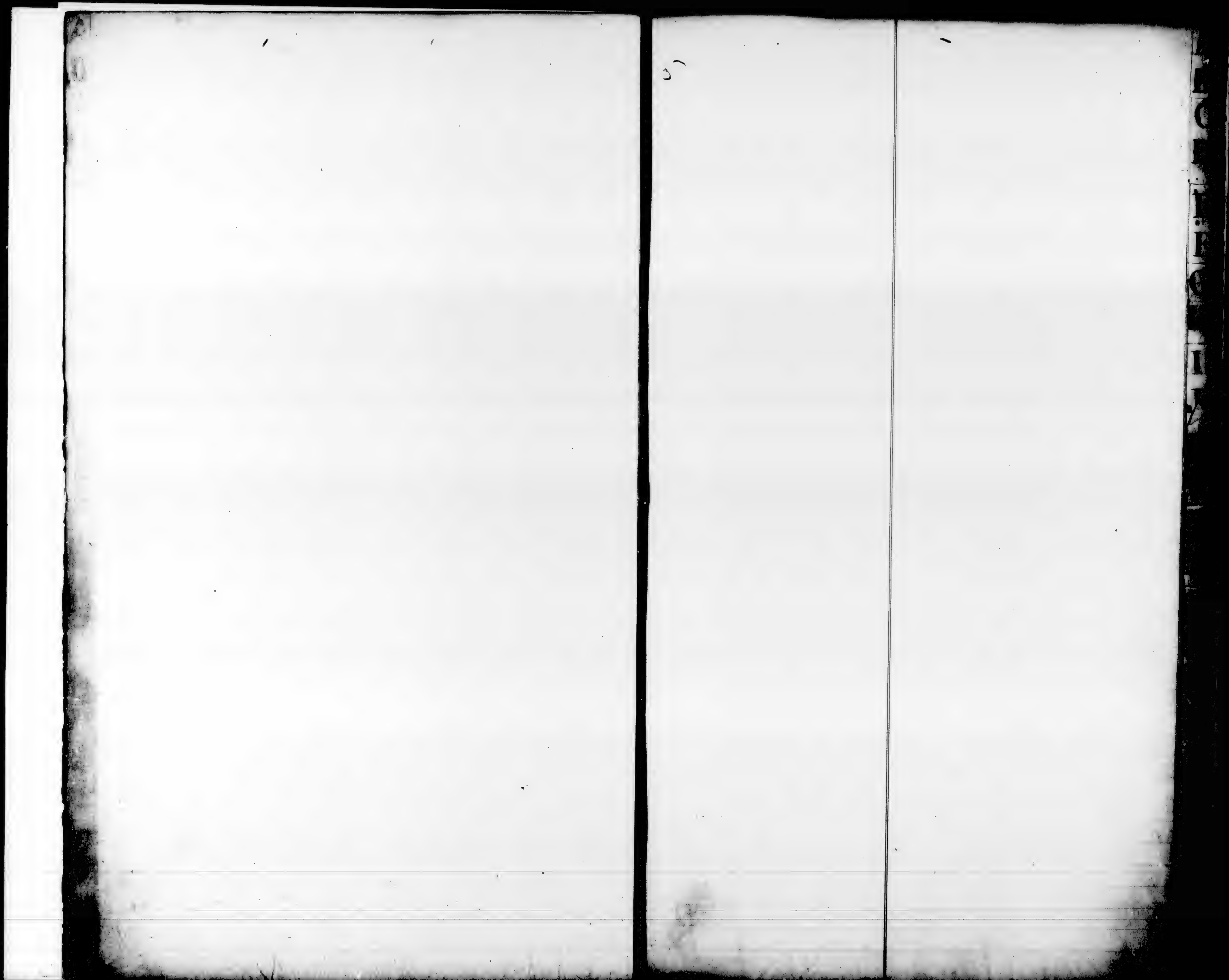
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Mobile Ala. Oct 9th 1866

Sogan Joseph
to Col. Jm. B. Wallis

Monticello Ala.

Colonel

Inclosed please find
your Postage acct, for Aug and Sept. 1866. Enc. Order No. 65
Offici. A. M. G. prohibits the A. M. Neph from paying any
Bureau officis accts, except commutation of fare and quarters.

I am Col. very respectfully,
(Signed)

Joseph Sogan
Supt V. R. & A. S. Dept
Dist. of Mobile

Offici. C. R. & A. S.
Courtland Ala. Oct. 13th 1866

Jones Maj. John
to Brig. Genl. John B. Wallis
Supt. C. R. & A. S.

General

Will you please furn-
ish me with a copy contract entered into by Messrs. De Gay and Daily
with certain freedmen which was approved at Monticello, I think
during Maj. Goodfellow's term by Whittier. Failing I am informed
has left the County and is indebted to a number of freedmen whom
they will not pay. I am too unwell to go to Monticello to day but
will try and see you soon.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
(Signed)

John Jones
Dist. Maj. Agent
Lawrence A. Ala.

Sanchez John H.

to John B. Callis

Capt. P. R. D and A. S.

Huntsville Ala.

Sir,

Yours of the 1st inst. was received to day. In answer I beg to state, that I made out the papers just a few days before we were mustered out, and would not have done so if they would have got any one else to do it, and in doing so I thought I was doing my duty, and did not intend to charge them anything for what work I done for them in making out the papers and I furnished the money to pay the Notary Public. If they had acted like men after they were mustered out they would have got the money long ago. They can tell you themselves that when the Regt. Sutter would not trust them any longer that I bought them tobacco, blacking, gloves, boots and every thing they needed, but there was no but two or three who came up like men and paid me; they know all that I had to pay \$284.00 for them on account of clothing drawn by them in other commands; after they were released from prison they drew clothing from Mobile to Nashville and at every station and between and when they got to their company they had to have a new uniform; all together it made their clothing account quite large and when they were paid off at the muster out, their clothing and Sutter acct. took all their money pay and half of mine, for they were paid soon after they came from prison, and their clothing account could not be settled at that time - I think it would not be more than justice that they should pay the amt. of what I had to pay for them out of their Commutation of Rations, but to let them get the money in their hands and let them once after again after being fooled once is not my way of doing business - no man can fool me but once. - If I had collected this account I would not have taken more than what belonged to me by rights, and no more, not charging anything for my work and Notary Public. - I have always acted a man with them - I have bought them rations many times when they ate their five days rations up in three out of my money; they can't help but tell you so themselves under the circumstances I could not sign the affidavit for I am too much interested in the matter, to get what belongs to me - If the man that collect the claims for them will pay me what

Warrentown Madison Co. Ills.

I have paid for them before I sign the affidavit for I could not swear to it before (I would still be interested)

If he promises to pay me after he had collected them I will fill it up and swear to it before the County Clerk and forward it by mail to you; there is to be paid on account of Sutter \$73.00 on account of Clothing \$284.00; the amt. due them from Govt. is about \$1907 - the affidavit that you sent me is not quite correct, some of the names are not entitled to commutation.

I was about to start out week when I received your communication but now I will wait a few weeks longer for an answer. Until then I remain

Yours &c
(Signed) John H. Sanchez

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala. Off. Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala. Oct. 12th 1866

Buckley C. H.

to Col. Jm. B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor to forward for your use, blank school Reports, which I wish you would distribute as necessity requires - In the past school matters in your part of the State, have been entirely under your control. I hope you will continue to feel that their interests are confided to you - I shall be pleased to receive reports from you monthly with the accuracy and promptness which has characterized your action in the past. As you are known to be a warm friend of Colored Schools, I need only add that whatever aid or co-operation I can render you to make your school efficient and successful, shall be most cheerfully granted.

Your obedient servant
(Signed) C. H. Buckley
Supt. Ed.

Greenville Marshall Co. Ala.

Sept. 10th 1866

Grant W. S. Esq. General

Dear General

The Federal Soldiers of this County are suffering greatly for want of protection; the Rebels of Greenville have shot down a Union man, and defied his friends to take him up &c. they pay no attention to your order; they swear vengeance against all Federal Soldiers, so of all people we are the most miserable. If you do not send us protection in haste - Drifted Soldiers are sufficient to keep all things straight, so General we the Federal Soldiers who have fought to preserve the Union pray you to send us relief as we are meeting but what is right; we wish to meet all men on the square. But if we fail to get help we must fill a mass grave &c.

General we wish to state one case to you for your consideration. One J. C. Eason, a Federal Soldier of leave of absence home. He was passing his brother-in-law and saw a Reb. in the act of murdering his sister and he shot the Reb. and killed him and now the Rebs. have arrested him setting your order aside. We pray you to drop a line to the wretched Sheriff of Marshall County - Tell Block a noted Reb. to release the said J. C. Eason. We know him to be a good and faithful soldier. The Rebs. have a great spite at him for the stand he took in the war.

Kind please attend to his release - We the undersigned are willing to swear to what is stated. Yours truly -

(Signed) Capt John Sparks	(Signed) R. Kikindob
(Signed) William Johnson	(Signed) J. Kikindob
(Signed) Middleton Johnson	(Signed) J. Row
(Signed) E. Eason	(Signed) E. Row
(Signed) William Curison	(Signed) C. C. Eason
(Signed) Robert Curier	
(Signed) E. Sparks	

State of Tenn. Executive Department
Nashville February 4th 1866

Johnson President Andrew

Dr. E. S. Mintz Esq.

Capt. W. E. Milt. R. Rds.

Nashville Tenn.

Sir,

Permit me to introduce to your favorable consideration Mr John D. Garner personally known to me to be a man of good character, standing tho roughly loyal to the Federal Govt. Mr. G. has just been exchanged as a prisoner. He is aged and desires some employment under you on the Rail Road between this City and Neshoba, any assistance you can render him, will be bestowed upon a worthy recipient and fit a personal obligation on my part.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully your obt. servant
(Signed) Andrew Johnson

Dolence Ala. Oct. 18th 1866

Garner John T.

Dr. Col. John P. Cauley

Sir,

I am a native of the State of Tenn, but have been residing in the State of Ala. for the last year - during the war my property was destroyed and I was thrown on my own resources to make a living - I had not been accustomed to labor - I had when young received a liberal education consequently the first thing presented itself was teaching a colored school - I am now teaching a small school in the neighborhood of Dolence - by teaching night and day I can make a bare subsistence - there is no school in Dolence at this time, and I want your authority to take charge of it - I inclose a letter which I received from President Johnson which will prove to you that I am an honest man - I have nothing more at present - hoping you will return an early answer to this - I remain your respectfully

H. P. Please return the enclosed letter from Andrew Johnson -

(Signed)

John T. Garner

Wells Wp M D
To Col John B. Kellie

Athens Ala. Oct. 14th 1866.

The court court now in session
has is doing a brisk business, much to the discomfort of some
deudmen. - Several have been sentenced to the Penitentiary for
a term of years. There is great complaint of injustice. I wish
the poor creature had some true man to look after their interests

Very Respectfully
(Signed) W D Wells
Capt. & S Athens Ala.

Mar Dist Bureau Refuges F and V. S.
Washington Oct 13th 1866

Stewart Eldridge
To Col. John B. Kellie

Kentville Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to inform you
that the papers you forwarded in the claims for bounty of the following
named men are awaiting evidence showing the men to have been free on
or before the 19th day of April 19th 1861.

Humphrey Kemmons Co. & 17 th Regt. W. & C. T.
William Mather " Co 110 " " "
David Pickett " & 17 " " "
Bagell Pickett " Co " " "
Dolphin Pickett " Co " " "
Jas. B. Pickett " Co " " "
Chas. Tate " & " " "

The above named men are not entitled to bounty under
existing laws and regulations, unless free on or before the 19th day of April
1861. If free at that date, evidence establishing the fact will be required
in accordance with printed instructions issued from this office.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Stewart Eldridge
Capt. Maj. & A. A. A. Genl

Office Bureau, Agency P. R. T. and A. S.
Athens Ala. Oct. 17th 1866

Sanford James
To Col John B. Kellie
Colonel

I offer you as an apology
for not reporting the ret of Corp. just that I was waiting to get some
business adjusted, and secondly that I was taken sick about two weeks
ago, and am just now getting able to straighten up the business of the office.
As soon as an opportunity offered after my return from your place
I notified Quirt Klock as you directed me, whereupon he said he
owned nothing. The next day Capt. Jno. McDonald called on me with
a paper of which the inclosed is a verbatim copy, the date of which you
will perceive is very recent - I would most respectfully submit the case to
you, and await further orders in the premises - I most respectfully
further report, that the above named paper is believed by respectable people
Citizens to be a fraud, and also that the colored men (employees of Klock)
last year pronounced it a fraud and are very solicitous for their pay.

The case of Patrick Hewlett (Col. B) vs John H. Hunt is
not yet entirely adjusted, in consequence of the crop not yet being all
gathered - I appointed a committee of referees to adjust it and it will
be concluded as soon as possible. I would further most respectfully report
that the favorable weather this fall on Cotton, is making greatly to
the advantage to all those class of employees whom contracted to take
a portion of the crop raised for wages. I await further orders in regard
to the Klock case - Hoping you will receive any inaccuracies I respectfully
submit the above.

I remain most respectfully Your obedt servant
James Sanford agt.

Timberline Alabama Sept. 24th 1866

Sold this day to John R. McDonald for and in the consideration of One
thousand Dollars to me paid - all my interest in the stock and farming
interests belonging to the farm of McDonald and more on the farm
generally known as the Thomas farm, and belonging to the estate of Mr.
Jonathan McDonald dead.

(Signed) Henry H. Klock

Stamp

McAuley John
To Col John S. Callis
Colonel

I have the honor to be in receipt of your note by Mr. Bates. I did not receive your former note in reference to Hemphill. I did advise him in reference to this matter and he was very insolent and abusive - I have just seen Mr. Hog - He tells me when Hemphill took the Oath he made some threats that it would take Military force to get her. - I will see him if you think best. I regard him as a very wicked bad man. I am told he is at work on Bridges on the Nashville and Chattanooga R. R. some where near Nashville - It will be difficult to get our constable to act. The proceeding had before J. P. Bagdale Esq. was left a secret from me - I knew nothing of the affair until it was over. I then reported to you, and told the parties you would require the property returned - I will see to the papers the first thing I drop me an note, and if you think best to say anything more to Hemphill. - I will obey your instructions.

I am most respectfully
Your obedient servant
(Signed) John McAuley

Montgomery Ala
Oct. 17th 1866

Beecher Edwin
To Col. John S. Callis

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst. is received. I have written to Washington for instructions as soon as I ascertain I will write you.

Truly Yours
Edwin Beecher

Caldwell John
Union Agent,
To Col Callis

Knoxville Oct. 19th 1866

I am required to have evidence of the official character of the person before whom the voucher was prepared in the case of Mrs. Toney. Please forward me such evidence upon the reception of which I will send you the money.

Very Respectfully
John Caldwell
Union Agent

War Dept Bureau Refugee and O. S.
Washington Oct. 18th 1866

Stewart Eldridge
To Col. John S. Callis
Capt. B. R. D and O. S.
Knoxville Ala.
Colonel

In the father's claim on account of David Tate deceased late Pot. Co. G. 1st Regt. W. B. C. T. I have the honor to inform you that evidence is required, showing what was his status of applicant and mother of decedent, in accordance with the paragraph relating to father's claim for bounty arrears of pay etc. in printed instructions issued from this office, with evidence called for please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Stewart Eldridge
Pot. May. and A. C. A. Sub

War Dept. Bureau Refugees & and A. S.
Washington Oct. 16th 1866

Eldridge Stewart

To Col. C. J. Callis

Supt. Bureau R. & and A. S.

Kentville Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor to report that the claims for bounty of the following named discharged soldiers who enlisted prior to July 18th 1864, are at this office awaiting evidence showing them to have been free on or before April 19th 1866.

Joseph Bell Co. K. 12 th Regt. C.T.	George Rober Co. F. 44 th Regt. N.
Robert Raglin " E. 101 st " " "	John Walker " Co. 40 th " "
Eliza Higgins " K. 14 th " " "	Turner Townsend " E. 15 th " "
Frank Bell " A. 101 st " " "	Allen Walker " B. 17 th " "
Pat. Townsend " " 44 th " " "	Benny Whitehead " F. 44 th " "
Seander Sparks " E. 44 th " " "	

Unless free at the date above cited these men cannot recover bounty under existing laws and regulations.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Eldridge Stewart

Col. Maj. & A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept. Bureau Refugees & and A. S.
Washington Oct. 17th 1866

Eldridge Stewart

To Col. C. J. Callis

Supt. B. R. & and A. S.

Kentville Ala.

Col.

I have the honor to report that the claims for bounty, of the following named men, forwarded by you, are on file at this office, awaiting evidence showing them to have been free on or before April 19th 1866.

James Hetherland Co. 44 th Regt. C.T.	Nathan Hubert Co. E. 44 th Regt. C.T.
Chas. Cobb " A. 42 " " "	Wash. Patten " N. 17 " " "
James Preston Co. E. 44 th " " "	Graspariah Johnson " N. 44 " " "
Geo. Jones " B. 13 th " " "	Chas. Perry " " " " "

Thomas Kean Co. E. 101 st Regt. C.T.	Enoch Emmit Co. D. 44 th Regt. N.
Pitman Eldridge " D. 44 th " " "	Henry Drake " K. 15 " " "
Albion Douglas " K. 15 th " " "	James Cook " N. 44 th " " "
William Allen " E. 44 th " " "	Samuel Anderson " C. 40 th " " "
Charles Ayers " B. 13 th " " "	James Burney " N. 12 th " " "
Enoch Blackburn " " 14 th " " "	Jacob Dicks " C. 40 th " " "
Ruben Matthews " " " " "	Jas. A. McIntosh " B. 17 th " " "
Maxwell Dightfoot " D. 12 th " " "	David M. Daniel " N. 44 th " " "
James Maples " A. 44 th " " "	

The above named men having enlisted prior to July 18th 1864, evidence showing them to have been free April 19th 1866, is required to establish their claim to bounty unless free at the date last above cited they are not entitled to bounty under existing regulations.

I am, Colonel

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Eldridge Stewart

Col. Maj. & A. A. A. Genl.

Kentville Tenn. 10th Mo. 21, 1866

Wm. F. Mitchell

To Col. C. J. Callis

Supt. B. R. & and A. S.

Kentville Ala.

The Trustees of the Col. Methodist Church at Florence Ala., having by an instrument of writing secured to the Pitts & Needman Aid Co. the use of said house for one year for school purposes, I would respectfully ask that said house be put in suitable order at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. F. Mitchell

Supt. Schools Pitts & A. C.

Wm. Mitchell

Knoxville Tenn. 20th 1866.

To Wm. Mitchell

I hear that has been reported to you and I understand while in Washington an intention to break up the Annapolis school. It gives a little surprise and you should believe this. I do not recollect any saying made a remark to that end. I think I must have been wrong. I do not wish to break up schools not to break them down. The gradual but steady increase of schools in this country is satisfactory and if the teachers are conducting themselves well, more cannot be desired. There are scholars enough for all that and if the Methodists set up another as they propose to do, there may still be enough. If however our work is not needed in Knoxville it can be peaceably withdrawn. Probably there will be other reports about us. All I ask is that you will positively and at time determine their truth.

I sent you some cheap pieces of clothing. I have not heard of its receipt. Do you get it.

The Bureau here is paying the transportation of the teachers from their homes to their several fields of labor in Tenn. When will the same be done in Ala. About how soon do you think will the funds for repairs sent &c. of school buildings in eleven and Knoxville be ready for use. I have paid out considerable money in both places as the houses could not be occupied without it.

With this I send a formal application for repairs at Florence. The school there will open in charge of Mr. Meigs one week from tomorrow. We have a written permit from the Trustees of the Methodist Church for their house for one year will be used by your Agent at that point. Mr. Meigs is a light colored man from Oberlin College Ohio. I think him a smart man. If you see him you will be pleased to know him.

There is I find an opening for a school at Tusculum. Our great difficulty is in finding male teachers. Will you be kind enough to let me know at any time of any and all criticism on the part of our of our teachers in your department. Our schools now being fairly in operation, must rise or fall on their own merits. We have no desire to interfere with any other.

I have more women clothing. If there is great need, the parties sending it will pay the freight if there is no provision of the Bureau for that purpose. When I can get a gentleman from Philada to stay in any place I shall try to visit you.

Thanking you for your aid I remain

Respectfully
Wm. Mitchell

Rev. Charles Watson of Alabama
Montgomery Oct. 20th 1866

Kinsman O. D. Swift

To Col. Col. Callis

Swift, A. R. F. and A. S.

Knoxville, Ala.

Colonel.

Information has been received that Col. Maj. J. Jones of your district has received on account of the Bureau the sum of \$226 for which he has never properly accounted, simply reporting that he has expended it for Hospital purposes. The Act demands that you place Maj. Jones in arrest at once and continue him in arrest until he shall have properly accounted for the money and such acct. shall have been approved at this office. It is also stated that Maj. Jones has been absent from his post having gone to Washington. You will report what authority he had for so doing.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt servt.

O. D. Kinsman
Swift

Office East. Bureau Refuges S and A. S.
Dist. for Ala. Huntsville Ala. O.

Pennsylvania Branch Americans Friends
Union Comm. No. 4124 Walnut St. Philadelphia
October 15th 1866

Mitchell William F.
Nashville Tenn.

Dear Sir,

We are unable to get a building for our school at Rockville S. O. and have four teachers on hand, at home in this city. I wish to know if you have any good place for them? Is there room for them at Huntsville? Three of them have never been South but have had schools in the North, all are good teachers, please let me know at once, and oblige Yours truly

See E. Book P. 115

Robt. R. Carson
Cor. Sec.

Huntsville Tenn Oct 28, 1866

Mr. Callis.

Enclosed I hand you amount of
Union Money due Mrs. Toney up to 2nd of Oct 1866
Very Respy
Geo Caldwell, Jr

Office Bureau Agency R F and A. S.
Athens Ala Oct 26th 1866

Sanforik James
To Col. Jm. B. Callis

Dear Sir,

I received your favor of the 23rd promptly, and should have answered yesterday, but Sheriff McKimney was out of town, and I failed to see him until this morning. He says he does not know the address of Quirk Sumner and have not heard from him in some time - he is not in this County. McKimney thinks he is at his home in Ohio but does not know his address - he bought a piece of land from McKimney with the intention of putting up some kind of machinery, and requested us to pay the taxes on the land until he could get round which he says he has done.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

James Sanforik

Read In Sub Dist of Alabama
Office City Assist. Dir. Mr.
Montgomery Ala Oct 22, 1866.

Geo F. Browning
Acty Dist Dir Mr.
To Col Jm B Callis

Your letter of the 18th inst is just at hand. I will as you desire, speak to the General in regard to the status of the Lieutenant. In regard to the wood you require for the use of your Department; you can purchase the necessary quantity and send your vouchers to (the disbursing officer) Col Beecher for pay.

I have the honor to
Geo F Browning
R F R C & A S
R R & A S

Office Bureau Agency B. R. F. & A. S.
Athens Ala. Oct. 26th 1866

Nanforth James
To Col John B. Wallis
Superintendent &c.
Col.

I have just received your note per hands of Patrick A. Hulett Cold, and hasten to lay before you the result of former investigation. According to agreement of parties, I appointed a committee of three disinterested persons - fair men - to investigate and settle the impending difficulty.

Enclosed you will find the contract and Referee report and I most respectfully refer the case to you for further action. The contract is a pretty tight paper and I do not see that a different result can be arrived at unless it is set aside - I am satisfied the committee discharged their duties faithfully, as I know well that there are very few crops in this country, that one half would pay the entire expense for cultivation.

Patrick was discharged it seems for failure to do his duty, and I do not see that he would be due anything if we make the contract the basis of settlement. If we set that instrument aside as fraudulent, and estimate the value of the crop raised, and make that the basis of settlement, why then Patrick would get some wages. Only acting as Agent I did not feel at liberty to condemn a contract made by a previous officer and must respectfully refer the matter to you. One thing I will take occasion to remark in this place, that you will never see any such contract made by me, and further that I have never had any trouble with those with whom I have made contracts - I wish to do all parties justice, but generally the contract acts as a basis, and unless I can have concessions made it is very hard to arrive at justice to all parties.

Patrick is very much dissatisfied, and I would like to see well to have this case finally disposed of, and respectfully ask your views on it, and will be governed by your opinion in the premises. Please return the papers.

See B. Book B. 116

Very Respectfully

James Nanforth
agt. B. R. F. & A. S.

Office Supt. Bureau Refugee Treatment and A. S.
Sub. Dist. Ala., Huntsville Ala. Oct. 29th 1866

Druggs Hon. J. H.
Supt.

This man William Manning informs me that you have issued orders for him to leave the premises of his former owner. Before the civil authorities had made provisions for his shelter and support. Your attention is very respectfully invited to the circular herewith enclosed which is approved by the authorities. Any violation of this circular of rules therein specified will meet with prompt action by the military, in pursuance of orders authorizing said circular.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
J. H. Wallis

Head Quarters, Sub. Dist. of Ala., Off. Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala. Oct. 25th 1866

Buckley C. G.
To Col. J. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor to forward by this mail blank forms of School Reports just received from Washington. For the sake of uniformity I beg leave to request that you set aside those forwarded you some time since from this office, in distribution in your districts the kind forwarded to day. If these reach you in time, I shall be pleased to have the October Report made on these.

As the Commissioner is about to prepare his annual report for Congress he is desirous to have all reports in Washington by the 10th of Nov. I shall be pleased to get yours as soon after the 1st prox as possible.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant
C. H. Buckley
Supt. School

Office Supt Bureau & V.A.

Monm June Oct 25, 1866

W. Barlow
To Col Callie

Your enclosing promissory note made by James Lowry to Alfred Davis Oct 19, 1866, at 12 Months for \$200 with \$20 Cr. Endorser as of Sept 29, 1866 cash to hand today

I have not had time since receipt, to your letter to enquire as to ability of Lowry, but if he is the man I suppose him to be collection not hopeful. But I will do the best I can towards it.

Very Truly Yours
W. Barlow

Jones John

To Col. Jm. P. Callie

Supt. Dist No. 1 Ala.
Col.

Courtland Lawrence Co. Ala. Oct. 28th 1866

I was placed in arrest on the 25th day of October 1866 by you in pursuance of orders under date of October 22nd 1866 from Maj. Generalwayne Dist. Commissioner O. R. F. and A.S. for the State of Ala. I am told this arrest is made on the recommendation of General Sewell. You in accordance with your instructions, ask me to make out and forward to you at the earliest possible moment a full statement of the affairs of the Bureau in Lawrence County, from the day I took charge of this County up to the 1st of Oct. 1866 accounting for all the monies received &c. In obedience to which I have the honor to transmit herewith my account current with vouchers &c. of expenditures. I have received for recording contracts \$195.00 and from fines \$30.00 amounting in all to \$225.00 which I have expended as per vouchers leaving balance in my hands as per acct. current of \$37.50

I have also expended over one hundred dollars for horse hire, car and medicines for the sick which I have not kept an acct. of, excepting horse hire and cartage which I could procure the prescribed vouchers any time, but I am informed they will not be allowed.

Since entering upon this subject duty I have always kept in view economy and the interests and welfare of the Freedmen. I commenced by making a tour of the County and visiting the different plantations reading and explaining Contracts as I went along, and encouraging them to perform and faithfully observe the conditions of their obligations and also assuring them that Govt. would protect them in rights of Freedom. Whilst I was acting engaged in this matter Small Pox broke out to such an alarming extent. I was compelled to place the County in Quarantine, and without any expense to Government. I secured the services of a Physician who went with me and saw that as many as possible who had not had the Small Pox were vaccinated and in attending to this duty and removing cases to Pest House, which I established I was taken with varioloid, myself rendering me scarcely able to perform any duty for several months, and after a partial recovery from that, and the long fever which followed, I telegraphed to you asking if you had any objections to my going home after my wife. Your answer "none" came back, and without any further process in the matter, I detailed for Pennsylvania Leaning Mr. E. P. Shaeffer (a very reliable and respectful gentleman a Citizen of this place, to take charge of the office until I returned, thinking I would not be gone at the full stretch over soon or eight days but unfortunately before reaching home, my fever returned and with me it the organ in its worst form, confining me to my bed for several months weeks and before I had fully recovered I started on my return and before I reached Birmingham I was again laid up and thus owing to my feeble condition it took me over two weeks to reach this place from the time I started, a trip that can be made in about four days.

Trusting that upon an examination of my accounts and any detection of duty that I may have unconsciously have been guilty of that you will find that there are mitigating circumstances in the case.

I remain Sir

Most respectfully your obedient servant

John Jones

14 St. P. O. R. C. Dist. Maj. W. V.
Agt. O. R. F. and A. S. Lawrence Co. Ala.

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala. off. ant. adj. General
Montgomery Ala. Oct. 27th 1866

Winsman O. N.

To Col. John O. Ballis

Supt. Q. R. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel.

I send by 10 days mail One Hundred Copies of General Orders No. 5. from this office - The Assistant Commissioner desires that you give them as extensive a circulation as is possible.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

O. N. Winsman

Superintendent

Mitchell William F.

To Col. John O. Ballis

Friend

Nashville 10 Month 31st 1866

No Harming our teacher is at Florence waiting to open school. The house requires repairs to make it even tolerable. Can it not be done? The Bureau here is doing all it can for us, and General Howard assures me that all would be done that could be. Will the Bureau be likely to pay the repairs at Stevenson now that the building is burned? We spent nearly \$200. I think you will agree with me that we ought not to lose it as we can show the proper vouchers for the work done.

One May. Jones has a paragraph going the rounds of the Southern papers ~~that~~ representing St. Albans as very prosperous. This may do as a mischief as well as the Bureau.

Very Respectfully

William F. Mitchell

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Oct. 24th 1866

Swaine Maj. General

Col. Maj. W. A. Eldredge & S.

Mobile Ala.

Maj. Gen.

Information received at this office and transmitted to you herewith require the purchase of Corn and Bacon and their distribution to the destitute of this State to the extent of forty thousand dollars monthly for three months. Pursuant to instructions you have been selected as purchasing Commissary and will at once purchase and ship as hereafter directed such quantity of merchantable white corn of the first quality between forty and fifty thousand bushels as shall make twenty thousand sacks and one hundred thousand pounds of bacon (clear side) or as near that quality as convenient packages will admit.

Should you find that the amount probably requisite to purchase a given quantity of bacon will procure from adjacent Commissary depots a quantity of mixed pork considerable larger and of as good quality, you will make substitution accordingly and your receipts will be adjusted with the Commissary General by the Commissioner of the Bureau. The above are for distribution on the basis of the enclosed letter of Mr. W. Cruikshank, State Commissioner for the destitute of Alabama. The places designated as the points of distribution and the quantity required at each, will indicate to you the places for purchase and mode of shipment, most advantageous to the Government, promptness being a material consideration. The "regulations" which I am required to prepare, and which have been already issued, are modified by a subsequent dispatch from General Howard, and your shipments will be made to the Acting or Asst. Commissaries at the points indicated as principal depots. Mr. Cruikshank's letter not being your guide in this particular.

You will observe that shipments are ordered to Tusculum and Decatur where there are no officers now on duty. The Asst. Commissioner at Huntsville will be directed to receive shipments at those points to save the cost of return transportation. Your shipments to Eufaula and Talladega will be consigned to the persons designated in Mr. Cruikshank's letter until they can be replaced by detail from the Army. You will sign vouchers for your different purchases payable on presentation to Col. St. John Edson Quaker Districting officer of the Bureau at these Head Quarters, and will contract for transportation on the same terms with the further condition of first obtaining the receipt of the consignee.

To prevent loss or misapplication you will cause each

(over)

package of supplies to be conspicuously marked as the property of the United States - You will report frequently and in detail by letter to these Head Quarters giving also your telegraph address.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
(Signed) Major Eugene
Maj. General

Head Quarters Dist. District of Alabama
Off. Asst. Adj. Genl. Montgomery Ala. Oct. 30th 1866

Censiman O. N.

To Asst. Col. Jno. B. Wallis

Capt. B. R. Farns A.S.

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel.

The Asst. Commissioner directs me to notify you that General Order No. 4. Current series from the office, will probably be modified. Until further instructions you will yourself receive these supplies of corn and bacon at the principal depots as designated in Mr. Cruikshank's letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, distributing them in the proportion named in the letter, to the agents designated by Mr. Cruikshank. I enclose you also letter from the Asst. Comm. to Maj. Elderkin. You will please comply with those parts of it which relate to yourself.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

O. N. Censiman

Superintendent

Estimate made by Mr. H. Cruikshank Commissioner for the distribution of 20,000 sacks of corn and 100,000 pounds of Bacon, among the several Counties of the State of Alabama. Report at Huntsville Ala.

James H. Scroggs Agent			
Madison County	500 Sacks Corn	2500 Lbs. Bacon	
Cherokee	" 500 "	" 2800 "	
Jackson	" 500 "	" 2900 "	
	1640	8200	

Report at Decatur Ala. C. C. Sheets Agent

Morgan County	500 Sacks Corn	2500 Lbs. Bacon	
Simmons	" 400 "	" 2000 "	
Lawrence	" 400 "	" 2000 "	
Winston	" 500 "	" 2500 "	
DeKalb	" 550 "	" 2750 "	
Montgomery	" 550 "	" 2750 "	
Marshall	" 550 "	" 2800 "	
	3460	17300	

Report at Tusculum Ala. John Powers Agent

Davidson County	400 Sacks Corn	2000 Lbs. Bacon	
Marion	" 500 "	" 2500 "	
Franklin	" 400 "	" 2000 "	
	1300	6500	

Frankfort Franklin Co. Ala.
Oct. 31-1866

Anderson, E. E.
To Col. John D. Callis
Dear Sir,

I have just been shown a letter from you by Egg Green Agent of the Bureau for this County in reference to apprenticeship of colored minor children. In reply I would say that I have been carrying out the instructions laid down in your letter, except that I have not in all cases required the consent properly authenticated of the natural guardian. But will adopt the rule from this time forward. There has been no difference made in the apprenticing of minors on account of color, the same law governs both. I would be glad to receive instructions from you at any time in relation to the above subject.

I am most respectfully
E. E. Anderson Probate Judge

Florence Ala. Nov 1st 1866

Maring Oscar W.
To Col. John D. Callis

Kountzeville Ala.
Dear Sir,

I have recently been sent here by the Acts, F. A. Commission to open a free school for the freedmen's children - My immediate supervisor is William F. Mitchell whose headquarters are at Nashville - He has directed me to make application to the Freedmen's Bureau for repair of building - One arriving here I found the Church (M. E.) of the colored people the only suitable place to be had it considerably out of repair having been damaged by the war and other causes to a considerable extent - On examination in company with mechanics I find that it will take about \$100. to place the house in anything like a suitable condition for school - There are needed about six panes of glass, repair window sills, new doors, benches, whitewashing, some plastering, repair of flooring and other minor things - In obedience to the order of Mr. Mitchell I lay this statement before you, hoping you will see fit to extend to us what aid you can - There is a fine prospect for a flourishing school at this point all we need is a comfortable house.

Yours Truly

Oscar W. Maring

Office Supt. Bureau P. F. Am

Saturday Texas Sept. 24th 1866

Honey Geo. W.
To W. H. Sinclair
Sub. Asst. Com.

Colonel!

I have the honor to ask information concerning a Freedman named Archer Jones who when last heard from was in Waco, Tex. His son Winkley Jones is in this City and very anxious to hear from his father.

See Book Page 117.

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. Honey

Special Agent

American Miss Society

Stevenson Nov 3rd 1866

Nichols James
To Col. John D. Callis

Dear Sir,

About the time that you sent me the blank reports I was preparing to enter our new school house when it was burned to the ground probably the work of an incendiary, and I have been so busy trying to trace out the villain that I have hardly found time to attend to the reports. Hoping under the circumstances you will pardon the neglect.

I am sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

James Nichols

Principal Freedmen's School

Quicher Edw
To Col. Jm B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.
Ga.

Montgomery Ala. Nov. 3rd 1866

of the following claims

I send herewith \$605.41 in payment

Receipt Roll	\$225.00
Dr. Fitch	97.50
Telegraph Co	5.55
Mrs. W. E. Patterson	50.00
"	60.00
S. Bradford	36.00
S. Jones	18.00
Harrison Cole	2.50
A. F. Murray	8.55
J. R. Johnston	3.40
Rison and Neal	3.50
John Robinson	10.00
J. W. Todd	11.66
James N. Arnold	73.75

\$605.41

The acct. for back rent for stable is returned. Such old claims are looked on with suspicion; and a very clear case must be made out before Genl. Buayne will order them paid. I also return the Postage accounts. All accounts paid by me must be made in triplicate. You must also show on the acct. that it was for Postage on Quicer's business or on office. You are entitled to draw the postage from the 2nd We only pay such as appertain to the Quicer - Hence the necessity of that appearing on the account.

The Hospital Roll of Dr. Fitch is accompanied by only one copy of Form 2. I wrote you on the 7th of Sept that there must be three. They cannot hereafter be paid unless the three copies are furnished. Have your postage acct. corrected, and the lacking copies of Form 2. forwarded and I will send the money.

Please notify me of the receipt of the money

Truly yours
Edw Quicher

Waring Oscar M.

To Col. Jm B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Stevenson Ala. Nov. 4th 1866

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd came to hand in due time. I mean to reply that I thank you for your good wishes and promises (conditional) to aid us. Hoping that you may find it in your power to extend to us the desired assistance.

I am yours truly

Oscar M. Waring

McAuley Jm

To Col. Jm B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Stevenson Ala. Nov. 5th 1866

Colonel,

I have the honor to be in receipt of your note asking me to inquire into the burning of the Freedmen's School House at this place. - The Citizens have had two meetings in relation to the matter; at first a Committee was appointed to investigate and report at the next meeting, which report was approved and sent to Mr. Mitchell at Nashville the Secy of Freedmen's Schools.

The Open Day of Freedmen's Schools

Exonerating the Community from all blame in the affair. It is no doubt the work of an incendiary but as yet no one has been able to trace it. - The whole thing is strongly denounced here by all parties - The teachers Mr. Nichols and myself are still trying to reach the case, and if any disclosures should be made I will apprise you immediately.

I am with very great respect
Your humble servant

John McAuley

Sub. Agent. P. R. and A. S.

how many quires of paper and bottles of Ink were used.
 That same objection ~~will apply~~ will apply to the
 Vouchers of Harrison Cole, A. S. Murray and J. R. Johnson
 paid in this month, and as it is easier to correct them
 now than to have them returned from Washington, I now
 enclose them to you, and ask that you will have the cor-
 rections made as suggested. Some of them you can correct
 by making the necessary addition without making out
 new accounts. I presume we shall have some returned
 for the same objection which were paid in October, as
 they were in the same form. Please return them as
 soon as possible as I wish to send back to Col Balloch

Truly Yours

Edwin Beecher

Office Supt Bureau R.F. and A.D.
 Dist. for Ala. Huntsville Ala. Apr. 16/66

Winoman Maj. O. D.
 Montgomery Ala.
 Major.

I am this day in receipt

Herbertine's (Jenkins) Ala. Apr 14th 1866
 To Col. John H. Ballou
 Huntsville Ala.
 Friend

I have the honor to submit my report for Oct. and my apology for the delay is
 I have been confined for a while to my bed and
 am now just able to be up. I write to you on the 17th of Oct. in
 answer to your letter of the 10th ult. stating to you that I had
 received the supplies and they were then being issued. Since then I
 have not heard from you. Hoping to hear from you soon on
 in the way of other supplies and any other matters of interest. I hope
 to be able soon to enter on the duties of the office actively. I also
 write you fully on the 17th of other matters.

I have the honor to submit my report for Oct. I will
 please state that the Freedmen in this section are doing well as
 a general thing, there is some exceptions it is true. I find but few
 complaints now that the crops being gathered. The farmers generally
 settling with them as per contract. Some few cases they have
 tried to take the advantage of in every case when brought to my
 notice, I interfered and forced them to do right. I have resumed
 a few, but that is not amount to anything. I found they will be in
 a worse condition this winter than any time since they set up
 for themselves. You see that I have issued a large proportion
 than heretofore.

I have the honor to be Col.

Yours Truly
 H. E. Herbertine

State of Alabama

General Palmer Commander of Federal Soldiers, passing through from Atlanta to Huntsville, through this County, shortly after the surrender. One of his soldiers was arrested near Craven Wilson, being in the rear by himself. Was arrested by Jerry Wilson, William Ripley, Cap Wilson.

I Jim a Freedman saw him arrested by these men, laid down the fence and took him through the plantation. I and another freedman called Sam, went to get him up into the woods at the back of the field, there we came across them with the soldier and heard him a begging that to release him - appeared to be a young man - Cap Wilson told us to leave and that damn quick, and that if we ever told any body that we saw them they with the soldier they would kill us - we went home with our fire - when I was in the house to kindle the fire Cap Wilson had come in. I heard them talking - Cap asked the question what they should do with the soldier - Craven Wilson said to kill him while we have got him - Jerry Singleton and Cap Wilson and Cap Wilson, all sanctioned it - shortly after, John Davis, J. S. Quier and Jim Kirkpatrick went round the lot and out towards where the prisoner was - Sam and Freedman saw them carrying the prisoner through Wilsons plantation towards the mountain - next morning they had his horse and hat - his equipage - White Testament, Mary Ripley states the confession of William Ripley, William Ripley said they did kill the soldier, and showed the hat given and horse to me, and proved it by Jim a Freedman that it was the soldier's property - they were so near the widow Hart that they heard them talking but could not understand anything - Elizabeth Clemmons says that she knows all about it and will tell it if they dont mind, and some more yet know that can be produced if wanted - Mrs. Mary Ripley is a lady of good character - reliable - some instructions would be necessary by the citizens who know these parties.

Names can be recommended by the bearer of this
(Signed) W. D. Camp
Calvin Wheeler
Bud Polard

To the Agent of the Freedmen
Bureau Colne Georgia

On the last days of July last, I myself Madison Camp was sitting in the piazza at home when a couple of rebels came riding up to the gate known by the names of Jerry Wilson and Sam neighbors who lit and drew their pistols, came into the house and tore down a United States flag from the ceiling of the house, and swearing that no such God as that should stay up in this country and carried it off with them.

Sodigapo Calhoun Co. Ala.

(Signed) Madison W. Camp

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of
Sub. Act Comr. Rome Ga Oct 28/66

C. A. de la Mesa

To Col. Maj. Genl. Davis Tillson

Act Com. 1st & 4th and 1st

State of Georgia

General

I have the honor to report that Oct. 26th while investigating affairs connected with the "Freedmen" in Cold Springs near the Alabama line, written statements of outrages that had been committed in Calhoun County of that State upon Union men were given to me. I enclose these statements - The Mr. Camp referred to in one case is the same who makes the statement in the other - He is represented to me as a man who was obliged to leave his home for two years during the war as he was persecuted on account of being loyal to the Union. It seems the persecution has continued up to this time - In case any investigation should be made of these cases Mr. Camp is the person who will give all the information and point out both principals and witnesses. Part of the principals in the case where the Union soldier was murdered are the same who tore down the Union flag and carried it off from Mr. Camp's residence.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

(Signed) C. A. de la Mesa

Capt & Act Sub. Act Comr.

De E. Book 118.

Head Quarters Sub dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Nov 20th 1866

Quinneman C. D.
To Col. John C. Wallis
Supt Dist Ala
Colonel

Your communication of the 16th inst. is received. The supplies of Corn and Bacon for your District were shipped for Memphis by boat on the 10th inst. Your understanding that the Government has nothing to do with the freight or shipment of the supplies from the distributing depots to the several Counties is correct.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
C. D. Quinneman
Supt.

War Dept Bureau R F and A S Army Dec
Washington Nov 19th 1866

Fowler William
To Col. John C. Wallis
Supt Bureau R F and A S
Montgomery Ala
Colonel

I have the honor to inform you that the claim for bounty of George Johnson decd from Co. E 44th Regt 6th Amd 30th 1866 the 3rd Auditor has called upon this office for an affidavit of the applicant that he has neither bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged or given away his final discharge papers or any interest in the pay of or bounty claimed by him from the Government.

With the affidavit, please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
William Fowler
A. A. Genl

Office Dist Bureau R F and A S
Dist Ala Huntsville Ala Nov 21st 1866

Ochelson Major
Commanding A S force
Huntsville Ala

Near Major

Sam. J. Smith

Beecher Edmon
To Col. John C. Wallis
Huntsville Ala
Colonel

I have this morning rec'd from Washington a decision that no one except Commissioned Officers is entitled quarters fuel or commutation therefor. This includes A. A. Singler - I think an estimate was made for quarters for Dr. Smith by Dr. Kipp. Will you please notify Dr. S. of this decision. General Quayne has not yet returned we look for him to-morrow evening.

Truly Yours
Edmon Beecher

New Orleans La Nov. 20th 1866
 Elderkin W. F.
 To Col. J. B. Callis
 Supt. B. R. F. and A. S.
 Huntsville Ala.
 Colonel

Having completed the shipment of supplies to Decatur, Tusculum and Huntsville Ala. for distribution among the destitute people of So. Alabama, I transmit herewith the usual Invoice and Receipts for the same, with you please sign and return the receipts as soon as practicable and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
 W. F. Elderkin
 Supt. B. R. F. and A. S.
 direct to
 Gen. of Bureau B. R. F. and A. S.
 Montgomery Ala.

Quartermaster General's Office
 Division of Clothing and Equipment
 Washington City D. C. Nov. 22nd 1866

Wm. M. C. Q. M. S.
 To Col. John B. Callis
 Sir:

Your return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Supt. B. R. F. and A. S. 7th Div. for the Month of Oct. 1866, has been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 By order of the Q. M. G.
 Alex. D. Perry
 Col. A. M. Dept.
 Col. Brig. Genl.

War Dept. Bureau of Land & Claim Division
 Washington Nov. 30th 1866

Fowler William
 To Col. J. B. Callis
 Supt. B. R. F. and A. S.
 Huntsville Ala.
 Colonel

I have the honor to return herewith the papers you forwarded in the widows claim for pension on account of Richard alias Dick Jones late Private Co. H. 1st Regt. Cal. I. for compliance with requirements of enclosed Circular Nos. 7 and 10, from the office with evidence called for please return this letter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant
 William Fowler
 A. A. Genl.

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala. Office of Surgeon in Chief
 Montgomery Ala. Nov. 30th 1866

Kipp Charles
 To Col. J. B. Callis
 Supt. B. R. F. and A. S.
 Huntsville Ala.
 Sir:

You are hereby directed to have the Freedmen's Hospital at Huntsville Ala. immediately repaired & to contract for the job with the lowest responsible bidder. The contract should of course specify in detail the work to be done. A. A. Surg. E. P. Fitch is in charge of the hospital will furnish the necessary estimate. Payment will be made on the completion of the work.

By order of Maj. Genl. W. Swayne
 Charles J. Kipp
 Col. St. Col. and Surg. to Gov.
 Surg. in Chief

Office Indian Agency P.R. & S.
Athens Ala. Nov. 29th 1866

Nanforth James
To Col. Jms. P. Ballis

Supt. Ind. Ala.
Colonel

The bearer of this Green Matthews was the farming partner of James Spottwood deceased on the farm of Rose and Robins in this County - Rose and Company furnished the Col. men with land and supplies to the amount of \$675.46. In order to settle the contract between said parties I went and sold property sufficient to cover said debt.

All the property that I sold that could be delivered was handed over to Rose on that day. The corn and cotton was sold in quantity only sufficient to pay the residue of said expense incurred in said partnership crop and I ordered said crop to be gathered and housed to itself - when done I was to measure and weigh it and hand over what was left after paying said expense to the living partners and family of deceased - I was never notified of the time when that crop was gathered - the bearer complains that the crop was never measured and was used by Rose.

Recently Rose swore out an attachment on the bearers private property to cover said debt and will sell it by the Sheriff on Wednesday next - now I have seen no necessity of creating an additional expense for settling that contract as if the property I gave over was not sufficient - I could have given them more and the colored parties would have been satisfied - and again I have no evidence that what property I gave was not sufficient as the corn was never measured in my presence nor that of any property authorized party nor in final settlement had according to orders of the Bureau. But the party of the first part takes the whole matter into their own hands and brings to aid the civil authorities of the County to over ride all rules established by the Chief of the Bureau.

Now Col. I make these statements and most respectfully refer the matter to you as my orders and arrangements have been disregarded. I am at the end of my rod in this premises. The bearer of this I know to be worthy and

and entirely willing that I should settle the affair which I would have done properly and judiciously if I had been left alone, however he can make his own statements and you have the ability to decide properly in the matter.

Please to excuse the haste in which this statement is written please let me know if there is any prospect for assistance to the destitute of our County, as their necessities are daily for assistance and there are truly some suffering.

In haste. I remain Col.

Most Respectfully
Your obed^t servant

James Nanforth

Quartermaster Dept. Office Property Division
Washington D.C. Nov. 18th 1866

Thomas Charles

To Col. Col. Jms. P. Ballis

Buntville Ala.

Sir,

Your Return of Quartermasters Stores as Col. Col. W. S. Vols. and Capt. Bu. Ref. &c. for the Month of October 1866, has been received and when examined will be sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which you will be duly notified.

By order of the Quartermaster General.

Very Respectfully
Your obed^t servant

Charles Thomas

A. Q. M. Genl.

Col. Maj. Genl. W. S. V.

Saunderdale Florence Ala
Nov. 20th 1866

Jones Elizabeth (old)
To General Pick
Sir,

My Father William
was in Government from the first of the
building of Philip Cove until August 1865, at which
time he died not having received any pay. I Elizabeth
Jones would ask your assistance to help me to collect his pay
as I am without education and do not know the proper steps
to take - if you will undertake the business please write to
me at your earliest convenience - I have nothing more
but remain your humble servant

See E Book P 119

Elizabeth ^{her} _{mark} Jones (old)

Wm. A. G. H.
Kearney (the old) to me
Hickmidge (Hick) &
U. S. Quartermaster
to the 1st Regt. Cavalry
Sect. 1st and 2nd
Kearney (the old)

Colonel

In accordance with instructions received from the War
Dept. I am writing to you to inform you that in order to pay the
amount of your claim, it will be necessary for you to make application to me
in writing, for quarters or land from the date from which you
it accompanied by a copy of your claim (see list 4 & 5)

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
Thos. H. Hickmidge

1st Regt. 15th Dist. U. S. Cavalry

By me J. H. H.

Montgomery Ala. Dec. 8th 1866

Decher Edwin

To Col. J. B. Keatts

Monticello

Colonel

payment of the following claims.

Your acct. for November \$181.10

" " Postage 8.00

Hospital Cost 64.00

Receipts of Employees in your office 225.00

M. Patterson 50.00

J. M. Scott 11.66

Express Co. 12.50

J. B. Johnston 6.50

Wison and Mead 2.85

A. S. Murray 3.25

D. Bradford 30.00

D. Jones 18.00

J. S. Arnold 73.75

J. S. Keap and Co 76.18

B. Parker 50.00

McCalley and Wyle 15.00

Also Dr. Patch acct. handed me by J. T. Lipp

in payment of acct. for Nov. and Postage for 3 months

107.50

\$941.59

On your acct. Current you have J. S. Keap and Co acct. \$86.18 I made it only \$76.18. Some of the accounts I am compelled to return. We can only pay teachers when specially estimated for. I cannot find Mr. Campbell's name on my estimate. Mr. Buckley the Superintendent of Education says none such has ever been reported to him, and he was not before aware such a man was teaching. Until properly estimated that will have to be suspended.

The account of A. W. McCullough is liable to the same objections of some that I returned to you before. It must show particularly the quantity of work done. In some cases where it is done by contract, probably that may be sufficient to so state it, but then it would be much better to state the number of desks in all.

In telegraph acct. the practice here is to endorse

I enclose herewith \$834.09 in

each telegram the amount paid, that you can easily do on these vouchers.

I presented the communication of Mr. Bell to Genl. Swayne. He is not satisfied with his explanation and at present declines to do it. Perhaps he may change his mind.

I had again forgotten the amount of receipts in your account current of \$77.50 which should be deducted from the \$941.59 leaving \$933.79 which I enclose instead of \$941.59.

Please advise me of receipts of this

Very Respectfully

Edwin Decher

Florence Ala Dec 6th 1866

Body (Richard)

To Col. John B. Keatts

Monticello Ala

Dear Sir

At the commencement of the year I made a contract with a man by the name of W. Beckwith of this County to work his farm - we were to get one half of what we would raise - we were to feed ourselves and also the teamer - we I mean myself and family who is composed twenty eight in all - about 12 hands the balance small children - have made a small crop consisting of 15 bales of Cotton and 200 hundred barrels of Corn - we never received any help from Mr. Beckwith, besides 3 bushels of wheat and 3 bushels of rye and he furnished us with three plows - still at the day of settlement Mr. Beckwith has had all of our part of the crop attached claiming that we were owing him a very large amount - I don't know what we can owe him for we never have received anything from him except what I have named above - we are left without anything after our hard year's labor - he took away from us 200 bales of Corn, about 20 head of hogs and our wagon and harness - we called on Judge Sings but he could not do anything for us as he said he would not interfere with Civil Law - the fact of the thing is that Mr. Sings is afraid to do anything that would be against any of these big Southern men - I was induced by a Southern gentleman who is familiar here to write you and get your advice in this matter - my lawyer here has been had to take up a case for a negroes - My contract was registered with the Freedmen Bureau Agent and can be investigated if you would only give it your attention. My family is without any

reference to the investigation in which during you will soon find that I am
 only but one of the many who have been treated like me.
 Yours very respectfully,
 Richmond, Va.

Giere & D.
 To Col John D. Watts
 Dear Sir

Rich. Va Dec 9th 1866

Your last letter has just been sent
 to me and I regret exceedingly that the amount due you has not
 as yet been paid. While at home some time ago I made
 arrangements with some of my visitors to settle the few little debts
 I was at Huntsville but they went off without paying a dollar of
 their board bill. A so called Capt. H. H. H. of Richmond and
 promised to settle your claim against me. I shall leave for
 Washington in a few days and will send you the amount due
 as soon as I possibly collect it. Please excuse delay and believe me
 Truly Yours
 G. J. Giere

Robert's Office
 To Col John D. Watts
 Colonel

I waited until I could find out when
 I could make some raise. I will send you some money by mail
 about the eighteenth day of December if nothing happens. This is the
 7th of December. I want you to look for a letter from me with
 money in it on the 18th. If you get my bounty please keep it
 there and send me word and I will come and pay you for all
 your trouble.

Elder Roberts

Decatur Ala Dec 12th 1866

J. H. H. H.
 To Col John D. Watts
 Huntsville Ala
 Dear Sir

I am about to make a decision
 which I think will involve a law suit and I want it to be such an one
 as will be sustained by the Courts if taken there. It is this: a fair work
 a lot of land, a small land and some as capital against the
 labor of the freedmen. Then they all bear the expenses equally. The
 freedmen has no other ration and then divide the crop equally. The
 consequence is there is much loss. You lose much in expense
 of it and but a small profit is made. The owner of the land brings up
 a charge of lost time against the laborer to the effect that he pays at 75 cts
 a day and proposes to deduct it from the crop. As I have
 stated I think he has no right to make them pay for time they
 lost in sickness and I shall so decide this week if not differently
 instructed by you in the mean time. This decision if sustained will
 settle a hundred such cases. I want you to give me full instructions in
 this matter.

There is a clause in the contract which binds the freedmen to
 allow the employer to charge them 25 cts for every hour they
 lose by negligence. I would not have approved such a contract
 and think it is a violation of the spirit of the law creating this
 Bureau and am disposed to so hold it. I would be glad to
 have your opinion upon the point of the law - this is a big
 case and the party is a lawyer and I have to meet him on legal
 questions and I want to be posted fully. I am perfectly willing to
 meet him upon the legal questions. Give me instructions soon.

Yours Truly
 J. H. H.

Becher Edwin
To Col. John B. Leath

Montgomery Ala. Dec. 11th 1866
Kuntville Ala.
Colonel

I return voucher M. 664 (J. E. Johnston) which came back from Washington yesterday. You will see their objection noted in pencil which is the same as former objections. They are every day becoming more and more particular requiring us to be careful and is docted. They say accounts must not be cut off by civilians. I suppose that includes Hospital Rolls which we have frequently paid on A. A. Surgeons Certificate.

Please correct this and return as soon as you can.

Truly Yours
Edwin Becher

War Dept. Bureau of C. & A. and A. D.
Claims Division Washington Dec. 4th 1866

For Mr. William
To Col. John B. Leath

Just. Sec. C. & A. and A. D.
Kuntville Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to return herewith declarations in the claims for bounty of the following named discharged colored soldiers. Allen Walter Elijah Wiggins, John Walter Henry Whitehead Patrick Townsend Turner Townsend Charles Tate Humphrey Simmons Seander Sparks Reuben Baglin George Coker James Pickett Solomon Pickett David Pickett Bogell Pickett Charles Polk Mack Patten James Preston James Athelrand James A. McIntosh Matthew Aschik Sam. McDaniel James Maple Reuben Mathews Martin Slightfork Gabriel Kipnerts George Jones Jeremiah Johnson, Charles Henry Thomas Harris Jacob Fulk Pittman Eldridge Henry Drake Albert Douglas James Cook Gabriel Blackburn James Bumes Frank Bell Joseph Bell William Allen, Daniel Anderson Charles Ayer Frank Daniels.

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The requirements of the 2nd Auditor which in general make on each declaration. The identifying witnesses must state in their testimony the number of years they have been acquainted with the applicant.

Evidence of freedom was called for in the case of each of the above named men but by a recent decision such evidence is no longer required.

I am &c very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
William Fowler
A. A. Genl

Ch. Sec. B. & A. and A. D. Claims Division
Washington Dec. 1st 1866

For Mr. William
To Col. John B. Leath Jr.
A. A. & A. D. Bureau of C. & A. and A. D.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to inform you that the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury has called upon this office for an affidavit of David Warden discharged as Pvt. Co. F. 110th W. G. T. Feb. 6th 1866, showing that he has neither bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, or changed, or given away his final discharge papers or any interest in the pay or bounty claimed by him from the U. S. Government. With the affidavit please return this letter.

I am &c very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm Fowler
A. A. Genl

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 15th 1866

Quayne Maj. General
To Col. J. M. Wallis
Colonel

Enclosed please find an order under which I wish you would act with promptness and would do the best you can by Mr. Clay. He was a friend to me when he was traveling and we were strangers to each other. The order of the President is quite explicit and I believe that he has also expressed a wish that it should not be made the pretext for such paper attacks. I do not see as we can make any back payments of rents, you might send me a statement if there is anything you think we ought to pay for property destroyed or improperly appropriated.

Your obedient servant
Wager Quayne

Head Quarters Sub-dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 15th 1866

Special Order
No. 80

In pursuance to instructions from the President of the United States, a release is hereby ordered of all right, title, and interest and possession held by the United States in the real and personal property of Clement C. Clay in Alabama on account of his participation in the late rebellion.

In Order of Maj. General Wager Quayne
J. Conyngham
1st Lieut. 15th Regt. Infantry
Act. Asst. Adjt. General

Official

J. Conyngham

1st Lieut. 15th Regt. Infantry

Act. Asst. Adjt. General

Clement C. Clay Esq.
Montgomery Ala.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 15th 1866

Quayne Maj. General
To Col. J. M. Wallis
Montgomery Alabama

Dear Sir

The paper which you sent me from the President has been received and acted on by the enclosed order, a copy of which is also sent to Col. Wallis with a note of information. Your property will be immediately remitted to your custody or you can rent it to the Colonel if he wishes it and you wish to do so. He will show you my reply.

The standing orders as to restoration do not permit back rents, that is behind the date of pardon, and the terms used by the President referring to remission and release, are not sufficient warrant for a variation. I have seen quite unwell or there would not have been the delay of a few days that has occurred.

I should you receive the further order of the President it will be promptly carried out. Upon reflection I shall transmit through you the paper I design for Col. Wallis.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
Wager Quayne
Maj. General

Augusta, Ga.
To Col. G. B. Smith

Montgomery Ala Dec 17 1866

Wentworth, Ga.
Colonel

I enclose \$8.90 in payment of telegraph account. The other I am reluctantly compelled to again return. In the last ten days I have had number of accounts returned for what appears to me very frivolous objections. But as long as such is their ruling I must submit. If work is done by the day, they say you must show the number of days and pay per day. Where by special contract the date of contract must be given. Every thing must be particularly specified.

The Campbell's account cannot be paid until funds are received under this month's estimate or the estimate for October for last month is estimated. I will forward it to day and as soon as we will forward you the money.

Mr. Buckley presented this Mch. book for payment but as it was liable to the same objections as former ones he returned it to her for correction.

You can't imagine the difficulty we are having with settling accounts allowed working, but such ones as have been allowed all summer are now rejected. I am getting sick of it, and earnestly hope my master put will not be delayed beyond the last day of this month.

Truly Yours

Edison

Green, J. G.
To Col. G. B. Smith

Savannah Ala Dec 18 1866

Dear Sir

The rations for this County (Franklin) are still at the Sept 30 rate as I know there has as yet been no person appointed by the Com. missioners to distribute them. I understand that Judge Anderson has authorized a man by the name of Jones in this place to take charge of them. Jones keeps a small family grocery store. There are many freedmen in this County who have cropped on shares this year and owing to the poor crop season they have made nothing and are in want of help. Besides there is quite a no. of old and infirm freedmen who are suffering for assistance. I have only rations still here from Davidson's County delivered to Judge Benjamin. Is there any change to be made in the form of contracts for another year?

Any instructions from you will be thankfully received and promptly attended to.

Yours most respectfully

J. G. Green, Agt
S. R. J. and A. P.

Ed. Q. Sub dist. of Ala. Off. Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 15th 1866

Quellley C. O.
To Col. John H. Callis
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst. In reply I beg leave to say that I have estimated for Mr. Campbell's salary and it will be paid at the end of the month. I dislike to have the school at Decatur close. If you can find a good teacher, please secure one and I will see that he is paid a fair price for his services. We usually pay from fifty to seventy five dollars per month. If you think there are pupils enough at Decatur to warrant this expenditure do not hesitate about the price. After saying this much I leave the rest, knowing that your judgment will guide you to the best results.

Your obedient servant
C. O. Quellley
Superintendent Education

E. Williams

To Maj. General Woods
Sir,

I learn from S. B. Terrell of the Bureau of Cherokee County in this State, that you have been informed by Henry C. Coak a citizen of Marietta Ga. that no such a man as E. Williams ever lived in Cobb County or in the State of Georgia. I will now give my name in full, E. Williams if you can't find that name inquire for Quail Williams a man who is crippled in both hands. I claim that I am the man that lived there seven miles East of Marietta on the waters of Soap Creek on a parcel of land 60th and 60th s. my own property. I will refer you to William Evans, Judge Hammett, J. M. Young, all Citizens of Marietta for my name.

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I was notified by Maj. General Thomas to await an answer from you which I have done, but in vain, therefore I have written these lines. You will address me at Collinsville DeKalb County Ala.

Respectfully
E. Williams

Sub Dist. O. 119-120.

Bureau of Ins. & Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Sub dist. of Nashville Chief Superintendant's Office
Nashville Tenn. Dec. 3rd 1866

Walter W.

To Col. Maj. Genl. Ulysses S. Grant
Art. Com. Alabama
General.

Two colored men named Alfred and James Hooks have come to this city to complain of injustice done them at Tusculum Ala. From their statement it appears that coming out of town and walking on horseback they met a white man named Sam Stigger who under the pretence that the freedmen Alfred was going to ride over him (at least such was his statement) commenced beating him with a stick.

The freedmen then proceeded back to the town to report the fact when Stigger had them arrested and thrown into jail from which after being confined about ten days they escaped. He not alone put them in jail but fined Alfred \$25, and James for carrying a pistol was fined \$108. These boys have been good common soldiers and no doubt that was the reason of the harsh treatment. They have an interest in a crop with Mr. Hooks (white) and I suppose it was for the purpose of getting their crop that this man was tramped up. By having their case attended to and justice done them, you will do them a great service.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. C. Walsh

Sub Dist. O. 120.

Capt. D. R. and Chief Just.
Nashville Sub dist.

Department of the Interior
Pension Office Aug. 21st 1866

Barrett Joseph H.
To Surgeon Genl to P.A.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of Wilson Lambert who was a Private in Co. (not stated) 14 Regt. of Ala. Coos, Volunteers, who is reported to have died at Frankfort Franklin D. Ala. on the 2nd day of Decr. 1862 of.

Please attach this Circular to your report and return the same to this Office.

See G. Book P 122.

Respectfully

Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner

Adj. Gen. Post of Huntsville
Huntsville Ala Dec. 23rd 1866

Buckenridge St. C. H.
To Col. John A. Kallis

Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

The Post. Maj. Comd'g direct me to inquire if the man applied for and required for immediate and necessary duty in the B. R. & A. D. If so make such application upon such grounds and they will be furnished

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt

St. C. H. Buckenridge

1st Lt. 1st W. D. Regt.

Post Adjt

C. C. Sheats

To Col. John A. Kallis

Huntsville Ala

Dear Sir:

The Corporal informs me that Maj. O'Connell ordered him to make no arrests without further orders. Consequently I sent them back - The firm of Ruston & Son. and Co. are broken up and all gone except an agent (R. Simpson). He refuses to pay the Freedmen. I attached a lot of Cotton to pay the Freedmen with. He resisted me and sent the Cotton off by force. Has run what dry goods the firm has at this place. Is trying to get away himself. The civil authorities have failed and refused to act in the premises. I have applied to them more than once with no success. If the Military refuse to act we are a nuisance and a subject of ridicule and the negro unprotected and far worse off than he was in a state of slavery. If the Maj. will give me the use of the Military I will see justice done otherwise I can do nothing.

Answer me at once and let me know whether I can have the co-operation of the soldiers to enforce order or not.

C. C. Sheats

Decatur Ala. Dec. 24th 1866

C. C. Sheats

To Col. John A. Kallis

The reasons given by the civil authorities for not acting is that the Freedmen can't give bond as is required by the statute of Ala. I am going to make one more effort to try and get up bond for the negroes and have an attachment issued - in the mean time if I fail to effect the object I will petition you to send back the troops if Maj. O'Connell will allow them to be used in the enforcement of order. I have been worse outraged in this matter than ever before to see men work and make money for others and then deprived so much of the fruits of their own labor. It is necessary for their is an anomaly to grate to submit to. They are squandering everything worth five dollars and at the same time defying authority - Look for a moment at the president. It well established in this country if it goes unheard justice is at an end in this part of the country.

C. C. Sheats

Decatur Ala Dec. 24 1866
 Gaith Frank Sub Sgt 6th mth aged
 To Col Geo Hallis

I gave my discharge to A H Pht
 name in June last to be sent to Washington D.C. so that
 my bounty could be collected, since which time I have
 not heard from it. It was sent through your office
 Will you please inform me if it has been collected?

Yours Obedt Servt
 Frank Gaith
 Sub Sgt 6th mth aged

Decatur December 24th 1866
 Murphy William E
 To Col. John B. Hallis
 Monticello Ala

Sir In July last a colored
 woman named Rose Murphy made application through
 your office to the War Department for Bounty Pay and
 Pension due her by the Government.

She & learn made the necessary proof that she was
 the widow of a deceased colored soldier named Nelson
 Murphy. She is needing money and requests me to ascertain
 if you have heard from her application. Hoping to hear
 from you soon I am very respectfully

William E Murphy

Montgomery Ala Dec. 27th 1866
 Bucher Edison
 To Col. John B. Hallis
 Col.

I send you to day two 2^{cts} day accts,
 we have in 22^{cts} "Watts" don't get anything from O. 26. Reaming we
 could be more successful at Macon & sent our vouchers there and
 yesterday recd. a letter from Col. Carting saying he regretted very
 much he did not have the funds to cash them (gave he did not
 regret it half as much as we did) but as he was expecting money
 daily he would retain the vouchers. I think the chances better
 there than at Mobile.

Browning is not in his office this morning, as soon as he
 comes I will see him about stationery.

Truly Yours
 Edison Bucher

Montgomery Ala. Dec. 27th 1866
 Browning Geo. F.
 To Col. John B. Hallis
 Colonel

Col. Bucher delivered your
 reminder in regard to the supply of stationery I promised to
 send you. The fact is that I have not had the stationery
 to send but I shall have a large supply in a day or
 two and will ship you a full supply. There is nothing
 new at this place.

Yours Truly

Geo. F. Browning
 Lt Col

Tuscumbea Ala. Dec. 31st 1866Green John St.
To Rob. John C. Ellis

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find statement of Dr. Stop and Mayor Put in relation to Alfred and James Hooks they are both reliable and trustful men. Mr. Stiger is one of the most quiet and temperate men of our town. The two colored men are in the neighborhood and have not as yet been molested or their recapture been attempted. Mr. Hooks is quite satisfied with his part of their crop, but only would, as he is entitled to. The corporation sentence looks a little steep, but I am satisfied the boys acted badly. Anything further you may wish in the matter I am at your service.

Yours Truly,
J. A. GreenTuscumbea Ala. Dec. 28th 1866Stop Joseph H.
To John C. Green

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request that I report the cause of imprisonment of James Hooks and Alfred Hooks (Prudmen) I will state that on the 9th day of Oct. 1866 Saml Stiger of this place, made complaint before me one of the Justices of the Peace of this County (Franklin Alabama) that said James Hooks and Alfred Hooks had made an assault with a pistol upon him on that day. I issued warrant and caused them to be arrested and held. The testimony is in substance as follows. That Stiger (who had been for some time sick) was walking up street to his home the defendants came riding behind him and without cause rode against him. He therefore struck one of them and they passed on going some 150 yards when they stopped and James Hooks gave Alfred Hooks a pistol and they returned to where Mr. Stiger was. Alfred with drawn pistol called him (Stiger) a son of a bitch that he intended to kill him. Upon this and other testimony

corroborative, I found Alfred Hooks over to the Circuit Court in the sum of two hundred dollars to be tried for the offence charged and upon his failing to give bonds I made out mittimus and ordered Sheriff to hold him until discharged by law. I found James Hooks fifty dollars but as he was in bonds of an officer I made no further order in reference to him. I would further state that the evidence in the case showed that Saml Stiger was a resident of Tuscumbea; that he did not know either of defendants; that there could have been no cause of enmity between them; that he had probably never seen either of them before to know them.

The trial before me was conducted by a jury of and in accordance with the laws of the state, in which there is no distinction made between the white and black man and in giving the judgement against the defendants I was induced to make the bond low as well as the fine on account of their being poor and not able to give as large a bond or pay as large a fine as if they had been white.

Most Respectfully,
Jos H StopTuscumbea Ala. Dec. 31st 1866Pet W. A.
To John C. Green

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request I beg leave to make the following report in the case of Alfred Hooks and Jim Hooks as having been brot before me as Mayor of the City of Tuscumbea for violation ordinance No. 2, Section 9 and 10. Ordinances as follows.

Sec. 9. Any person who shall commit an assault & battery with fire arms or other deadly weapons shall be fined fifty dollars and on failure to pay the fine shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 10. On the trial of a person for an assault and battery or an affray, he or she may prove any opprobrious language, threat or abusive language used by the person assaulted or beaten at or near the time of the assault and battery or affray, in justification of his or her conduct and the proof of such

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affrontous language threats or abusive language being uttered may or not be a defence to the charge according to the judgment of the Mayor before whom the case may be tried.

The testimony as before me was by Mr. S. A. Stegar and Mr. Pelus. The testimony was mainly this that the men Alfred and Jim Cook while riding towards home rode against said Stegar - he struck the one that rode against him with a stick heavily hitting him as said Stegar was on horse back - they passed on a short distance and then turned their horse back and one of the boys either Alfred or Jim drew a pistol and gave it to the other and remarked shoot that d-d white son of a bitch. Mr. Stegar came back to town and they followed and had their Pistol loaded what I found in one of the boys Sleeves Concealed.

In accordance with the laws of the City I fined each one fifty dollars and costs of suit in default of payment I ordered them to be sent to jail for thirty days. The above is as near as I can recollect as in all cases of the Mayors Court never have written down testimony.

Mr. Cook was in town the other day and requested me to say to Sheriff Wilson the men Alfred and Jim were at his place and doing much damage in the way of threats and that he wished they could be arrested and placed back in jail from which they escaped.

The remarks I have made and the testimony as written is not all but I can remember that much. You well know the Character of Mr. Stegar and of his general queer deportment

Yours Truly
W. A. Peck

Head Quarters Sub Dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec. 21st 1866
Corrynham S. J. F.
To Col. J. A. Callis
Monticello Ala.
Colonel;

I forward you this day One Hundred and fifty (150) copies of Circular No. 4, from this office, for distribution to the Probate Judges Sheriffs and other persons who may be instrumental in carrying the law into effect within your jurisdiction.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Auger Duane
J. J. Corrynham
1st Lieut. 3rd US & A. A. G.

Merica C. Jan, 2nd 1867

At Barlow
To Jno. A. Callis Post Col. &c
Huntsville Ala

On receipt of the note in favor of Alfred A. I learned as I supposed that Lowry was in the vicinity, and possessed means sufficiently to enable me to enforce collection of the claim, and suit was thereupon brought, but the officer returned the process "not found", and it turned out that he had left the County. Upon further inquiry it is ascertained that he is in Fayette Co. (adjoining this) but has nothing from which money can be made. About \$500 costs have been incurred including stamp duty - (that is the and Constables fees, on payment of which, the justice will quash the note, and I will return it to you.

Yours Truly
M. Barlow

War Dept of A S L Claim Div
Washington Jan 3, 1867.

Saml Thomas
To At Col Jno Ballis usgr
Jupt A S L
Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of papers in the Claims for Bounty of
the following named discharged soldiers
Austin Grose Late Corp Co A 42 regt
John Thomas " Rob. " B "

Very Respectfully
Yours obt servt
Saml Thomas
A. A. S.

War Dept of A S L Claim Div.
Washington Dec 23, 66.

Saml Thomas A S L
To At Col Jno Ballis
Jupt A S L
Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of papers in the Claims of the following named dis-
charged soldiers for Bounty:

William Wallace Sergt Co "C" 44th regt
William Benford Corp. " D 52nd " "
Geo McKimney Pvt " H 110th " "

Very Respectfully
Yours obt servt
Saml Thomas
A. A. S.

Office W H S 42

Barland Ala Jan 15 1867

Willing Jones At W H S
Lawrence County
To Genl Jno Ballis

I have the honor to trans-
mit herewith an account current of expenses for
the month of Oct Nov Dec 1866 with an estimate
of funds required to meet the expenses of the office
for the month of January. I have not as yet approved
any contracts for this year but have a number
under consideration. Labor is in great de-
mand in this section at wages ranging from
one to two hundred dollars per year and ration.
Please send me a small lot of blank con-
tracts, one blank book for recording con-
tracts, and stationery to the amount of about
ten dollars, and inform me if the order stop-
ping me from has been received. I am entirely
out of funds and need my pay. I am inform-
ed that you will bear attention on this. Can
you assist me. I am, J. send him regards

I am General &c

Jno Jones

12th & 13th May &c

Office W H S 42

Florence Ala Jan 10, 1867

C A Fange Atl
To 12th Brig Genl J M Miller

I ordered the sheriff to
take the girl I wrote to you about in my last and
deliver her to the proper party. He did so but
the party gave me and the sheriff a good deal of
trouble.

Respectfully
C A Fange
Atl

War Dept B.R. H. L. Washington
 Jan'y 5, 1867

Sam Thomas A.H.G.
 To Col Ballis

I have the honor to acknowledge
 of papers in the claims for Bounty of the following
 named discharged soldiers

William Gaston	late Sergt May	12 th regt
Benj. Hammond	" born Sergt	17 th "
Henry Williams	" Corp'l " Co	44 th "
Willis Brundson	" Pvt D "	12 th "
Alex Brooks	" " I "	15 th "
David Marks	" " A "	44 th "
Chas Drake	" " D "	12 th "
Evans Smith	" " I "	15 th "
Jno Lowe	" " C "	104 th "
Wm Russell	" " B "	40 th "
Jos Woods	" " H "	42 nd "

Very respectfully,
 Yours, obt servt
 Saml Thomas
 A.H.G.

Merion Ala Jan'y 7, 1867.

Jno McCauley

To Col Ballis - I had a case some time ago in which a
 freed woman made Complaint against her Employer for
 wages on settlement. It was found he owes her some for
 for which I gave judgment. He now refuses to
 pay her and sets the Court at defiance. Please
 instruct me what to do. I have some more I think
 will turn out the same way

Very truly
 Jno McCauley

Office Bureau Athens Ala Jan'y 12/67
 Dunforth J. A.
 To Col Ballis

I was glad to learn by you
 that there is a prospect for the renewal of
 the issue of Destitute Rations by the Bureau
 in this County, and most respectfully re-
 port that the Corn and bacon designated
 for this Cash state donation has not yet been
 received. I respectfully make the follow-
 ing statement of facts in regard to the
 above named supplies. On the 25th ult I
 was told by a Citizen of Decatur, that the Corn
 and bacon was there and that the Agent wanted
 me to come and receive it. Not having received
 any instructions from any source I thought
 I would go and see about it, as it was badly
 needed by our suffering destitute. On
 my arrival I found the Agt not at home
 and no person that could tell me about
 it, only that the Probate Judge, were to re-
 ceive it, pay charges and issue it. On my return
 here I had an interview with a member of
 the County Court, and found that the Co Treasury
 was in a depleted condition, and the Court not dis-
 posed to advance funds to pay charges, freight on
 destitute supplies, and thus the matter rests.
 And the supplies remain in decatur a
 cumulating additional expense every day.
 I would advise the funds state the rations
 and issue them if I had the authority because
 I know there is a good deal of suffering
 in the County, among the aged decrepit
 and infirm colored people. There is also
 some among the white people but unfortunately
 they belong to a class who have no sympathy
 with those in great authority, hence the care-
 lessness. I am truly rejoiced that Gen
 Howard is about to take official action in

negard to the suffering destitute of the South of the Country, and hope he may so order that civil State authority can not control the supplies designated by the Govt for the truly destitute and for those all at, and that your Bureau for which you have the honor to stand up and head in it. It may have the control of the same, otherwise donations of such character would undoubtedly be prevented from their proper objects. Since the discontinuance of rations, I have frequently made donations from my own means, and, being poor I could ill afford to do this except in extreme cases but my disposition is such that it is impossible for me to turn the suffering applicant away without assistance.

As soon as I get through making new Contracts and settling old ones, I will make up a general report. I will promise that everything is in a better condition than you would expect under the circumstances.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Jas Danforth

Florence Ala Jan 13. 67

Mr J. H. McVay
To be a Calhoun

You I hope will not take any exception to my addressing you on business in which I am interested and in which you no doubt feel the same. I am now in the U.S. but was during 1864 & 5 acting as Surg. And if you can give me information as to where Col. D. C. McKersham is, I should feel thankful. He was one of my best friends. Col. you as head of the Freedmen's Bureau

is it in your power to see that they shall have pay from those they work for. There in Florence they have no one to protect them or at least no one does and the one that is here is not competent. Go to a lawyer and he would nothing to do with a negro; the officers of the law are the same. The laws of the State of Alabama are deficient. I was talking with Judge Posey the other day as regards pay for contract hands, and he told me the only way for me to do was to apply to the head of some bureau and get an order. I know of at least two cases where those who have had Freedmen hired have sold them to the Govt and have run them back out of the State. I also know of some miles that are marked or branded U.S. and the persons have no certificate, in fact the miles were stolen from the U.S. Army. Now I should like to have you tell me what you can do. I know men here have no chance to have justice done them. I am now lame and have not walked for 10 months, caused by a fall. If it was so I could walk I would come and see you. I could say much to you but will wait until I hear from you. Could you not have men detailed to have properly taken that belongs to the U.S. Govt, also to have properly taken to keep these Freedmen. Let me say one thing more privately: Have no place little of any confidence in any man that ever was a seceder. A Union man can get no office, nor justice in any statement. I hope you are well. Accepting best wishes,
H. H. McVay.

Decatur Ala Jan 12, 1867

Dr Wm E Murphy
To Col Geo Ballis
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28th ult is received in relation to the proof necessary to be made by Rose, widow of Nelson Murphy, dead for Pension. In reply I will state that as a man with the colored race there was no officiating clergyman to solemnize the rites of matrimony between the parties. It was simply a Union by Contract, and they were regarded as husband and wife by all who knew them from January 1858 up to the time he entered the U.S. Service in 1864. These facts can be substantiated by any number of witnesses. If the form of affidavit enclosed to me is adhered to, she will of course have to abandon all idea of Pension. Please state if an affidavit modified to suit her case will be valid. If so I will render her any assistance in my power. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain
Very Respy
Wm E Murphy

Humboldt Ala Jan 15, 1867

Wm E. Ballis To Col Ballis

I have the honor to inform you that any reports, you may have to make of myself or Command to my superior officers, you will do so, and cease sending to these Head Quarters any further threats of such reports.

Very Respectfully
Wm E. Ballis
Capt 88th Inf Mt Mass
Comd'y Porch

Decatur Ala Jan 1st 67

Rev H D Harbin
To Col Ballis

Col. C. C. Shurt has instructed me to write you to say the case against Grayson White & Co will be settled, perhaps without difficulty, and further there are several Freedmen at Decatur who say they saw Patterson their discharges from U.S. Service to collect their Bounty - and wish you to inform me what disposition has been made of them.

Your obdt servant
Rev. H. D. Harbin

Wm E. Ballis
Capt 88th Inf Mt Mass
Comd'y Porch

Col. John A. Ballis
Capt 88th Inf Mt Mass
Comd'y Porch

Colonel,

I have the honor to inform you that your 'A' and 'B' album for quarter ending December 31st 1866, has not yet been received at this office. Please forward at your earliest convenience so as to enable me to make my consolidated returns.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant

Geo. F. Downing
Capt. 88th Inf Mt Mass
Comd'y Porch

Courtland Ala Jan 17, 1867

Br. Maj. Jno Jones dgt Bureau

Courtland Ala

To Brig Genl Jno Wallis

Dear General:

Will you please send me as soon as possible, say a small lot of cap and letter paper & 8 envelopes, and blank books suitable for recording contracts, and if possible send me a few suits of clothing for old freedmen.

May Goodfellow and the Admr of the Harris Est came near having an altercation here the other day. I was told by those who were present that Ashford cursed him terribly. I would have been in Huntsville on Sunday but was prevented by the moderate chills from which I am still suffering. I hope to be able to see you on Sunday, next. Have you heard anything from Montgomery relative to my affairs

I am General

Most Respectfully

Yours Obedient Servant

Jno Jones

Br. Maj. dgt &c.

Adj. Dir. Sub. Dir. of Alabama
Office Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala Jan 16, '67.

C. W. Buckley Supt

To Col. Jno Wallis

Colonel:

Enclosed you will please find letter from Rev. J. M. Walden. I have the honor to request that you do all in your power to comply with the wishes therein expressed, and endeavor to render the building occupied for school room useful and comfortable. It is highly important

that a good school be continued at Huntsville, and it would indeed be a great loss to have it abandoned (as Mr. Walden says) for want of adequate shelter from cold weather.

You will confer a great favor by giving this matter your earliest attention.

I have the honor to be, Colonel,

With great respect your Obedient Servant

C. W. Buckley

Supt. Education.

Spec. Inquiry Sub. Dir. of
Montgomery Ala Jan 16, '67

George Washington Morgan

To Brig Genl Jno Wallis

Colonel:

On the occasion of the visit of Maj. Genl. Howard to this place a natural surprise and while poor people, very poor indeed abound in the vicinity of Huntsville, the supplies furnished at that point, had been retained in bulk nearly two months and were exposed unsheltered, in the weather. I fear that I telegraphed you what I hoped you had already understood, that while this matter was made to you with the understanding that you would avail yourself of the aid and responsibility of the state authorities, in their distribution, yet whenever neglect or malfeasance was apparent, you would at once by virtue of your supervisory power, interfere, taking the matter into your own hands. I have since heard nothing from you, and write to request of you a special report upon the matter referred to, and the general subject of the cause of the recent installment of corn and bacon in your

And the matter to which I wish to call your attention is, that the handling of these supplies should be considered, and as far as practicable confined to legal men, and that whenever there is good reason to believe they are entrusted to persons who evince antipathy to freedmen or persons of decided disunion sentiments or antecedents an intimation from you will secure a change in that particular.

I wish you to consider this a part of the inquiries to be embraced in your reports.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. J. Swain
Major General

Montgomery Ala. Jan'y. 19th 1867

(Recd. Col. O'Donnell)
To Col. Jm. S. Watts

Kimbrell's City

Colonel

I enclose \$778.50

also receipts for \$19.50 making \$798.00 in payment of the following claims.

Your acc't for December \$183.10

Commission acc't current acc't

Hospital Roll

\$584.40

Wm. J. Campbell (School teacher)

30.00

\$778.00

Please notify me of receipt. I have been sick ever since my return from New Orleans hence the delay.

Truly Yours

Wm. J. Swain

Head Quarters Sub Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. January 8th 1867

Wm. J. Swain

To Col. Jm. S. Watts

Jeff. City, Mo.

Kimbrell's City

Colonel

With the view of establishing a tribunal in each county of this State where all parties to a suit distinction of race and color can obtain even handed justice. It is directed to have appointed for each County a U.S. Commissioner ^{to act} under the Civil Rights bill. The act Commissioner therefore directs that you forward to him without delay a list giving him the name of a man in each County who can take the oath and who from his education and disposition to do justice to all is fitted for the position.

You will forward the name of no person whom you are fully satisfied will discharge his duties without the person or station for since the appointments will be almost entirely made on your recommendations, you will in a measure be held responsible for the conduct of the appointees. The appointment will be made at the next term of the Circuit Court which meets on the first Monday of February next.

You will therefore forward such recommendations as you may have to make by the 25th inst. leaving doubtful cases to be decided subsequently. The State is divided into three judicial districts, the Northern Middle and Southern. A list is herewith sent showing the judicial District in which the counties under your charge belong, as a U.S. District has jurisdiction in any county of this District it is not essential that there should be a Commissioner in each county though for the prompt rendering of justice it is desired. Where a Commissioner is already acting in a County no name need be forwarded.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

(J. S.) Wm. J. Swain

Supt.

Counties comprising the Northern Judicial Dist. of Alabama.
Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Sumter, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, St. Clair, Walker and Winston

Montgomery, Alabama
January 21st 1867

Colonel

By the order of the authorities at Washington, we are required to keep our money in the United States Depository at Mobile and pay all claims in checks, this causes some inconvenience and a little expense as in some parts of the State checks on Mobile would not suit at all. To all points to which I presume have, have dealings with Mobile I concluded checks would be at considerable discount, and therefore since this new rule (but) I have had the checks cashed here and sent you the money, charging the discount to the Bureau. This I presume they will not permit us to do. Mr. Buckley, who has to send money to a number of points where checks would not suit the parties pays the discount here and deducts it from the amount due the parties. They have directed him to do so. I made an agreement with one of our Bankers to take them at not exceeding 1/2 of one per cent. The amount to each party would be small, but I can hardly afford to pay it. Should you desire I will make the exchange here, deducting the discount and send by express or have to you. Heretofore I have been compelled to pay a discount on the checks I received from Montgomery Washington without receiving it back, but now I have succeeded in getting that arranged. Please advise me in the premises.

If your accounts can be here by the 1st of the month, I am expecting some money to come in to my hands. Which I could pay on your claims before making the deposit at Mobile.

In purchasing Stationary if you should have to do so, try and

keep within the list of articles furnished by the Regulations as I don't want any more accounts stopped against me than I can possibly avoid.

Truly Yours
Edwin Burton

Col John B. Ballis
Dear Sir

Albany New York 24, 1867

Yours of the 19th is read and fully and deliberately considered, I am gratified with your kindness to me and good opinion of me. The position to which you have recommended me is of great importance and responsibility, and I fear that I can not discharge the duties so well as some other one of more capacity and experience and judgment, and I would be glad to see a commissioner here who could and would do his whole duty to himself and his Country. If I am appointed I will try to do so, and one of the strongest reasons of my acceptance is the fear that some bad man might get it, and the true interests of our Country suffer. I take pleasure in saying without hesitation and a clear conscience that I can and am willing to take this last oath. I have always sympathized with the Southern people but not with rebellion or with their success but it was pity for them that they were so short sighted and wicked. Their cause was a bad one. I feel that it will not be a pecuniary benefit to me as I will have I am afraid, to neglect other business but I have no doubt it will be a service to me as a post of honor if I did my duty, and I would be proud

Larkinsville Alabama

January 23rd 1867

We the undersigned your petitioners in view of a vacancy now in the office of Commissioner of the Landman's Bureau for Jackson County Ala. would respectfully recommend the appointment of E. P. Hewitt to that position. We further recommend that it will be a difficult task to find a man who combining as many qualifications as Mr. Hewitt who could be induced to accept the office with qualifications, first loyalty, secondly, poverty, thirdly being a man not able to perform hard manual labor, and if found qualified in point of other duties of this office we think that none will be more thankful.

We further represent that if the man we here recommended will be deemed a suitable man for the above office that you correspond with him at Larkinsville Ala. as soon as convenient.

Ephraim Latham
John W. Williams

Ferman Foster
Jonathan Latham

Continued from page 81.
my country at this hour of need when the enemies are legion. I have delayed this answer for the purpose of examining the Civil Rights bill and have been reading the debate on its passage. Particularly, and turning the sheets of Senator Trumbull I have made this letter too long, and fear that I might weary you, would not have done so but I know you take a deep interest in these things and are my friend and will indulge me.

Your Friend

James S. Homan

Frankfort Franklin Co Ala
January 23, 1867.

Col Geo. H. H. H.
Sir

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. informing me that you had sent forward my name for appointment as United States Commissioner for Frankfort under the Civil Rights Bill, desiring to know if I would accept the appointment. In answer I must reply, that I cannot or will not accept any appointment offered me by the United States Govt. in this critical hour.

I am happy to inform you that I can take the test oath &c. and I will accept the appointment with pleasure.

I have the honor to be
Yours very truly
Christopher Tompkins

War Dept. W. H. & S. L. Claim No.
Washington Jan 10, 1867.

Robt Robt & Ballis
Sept 13 K. 1862
Huntsville Ala

I have respectfully to return herewith
the papers you forwarded in the claim for bounty of
Austin Grove, late of Co A 4th Regt. The application in
this case having recd the entire amount of \$100 only \$75
\$100, the first installment, is entitled to no more.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
J. M. Fowler
18. 18. 67.

Office of U. S. C. 2d
Montgomery Ala, January 21st 1867
George J. Brown
Robt Robt & Ballis
Sept 13 K. 1862
Huntsville Ala

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
A. B. Co. report for last quarter. The supply of Stationery
sent you a short time ago, was very much cut down from
what you require. If it is not sufficient, please inform me
and I will endeavor to furnish you with what you want.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

George J. Brown
Capt. Maj. & U. S. C.

Cramer, P. S.
To Col. John S. Ballis
Huntsville Ala, January 23rd 1867

Dear Sir,
Yours of the 19th of January is
at hand in regard to the appointment of Commissioner
for the county under the Civil Rights Bill - I am much
obliged - can take the test oath and feel the bill will
accept.

Enclosed find a letter of mine from Memphis
Tenn of the 17th. Have you made an appointment for
the C. of Bureau Agent.

I am P. S. Cramer,

Sharp, Sargent

Stimson Ala, January 16th 1867
To Col. John S. Ballis
Kind Sir,

I have taken the liberty
to drop you a few lines, in order to gain some information
about the business that I left in your care. I also request
you to write an inquiring note to the Agents at Demopolis
and Cellman Ala, and try to find out whether my wife
and two children were at either one of the places or not.
When you have got all the information you can,
please return me an answer.

Yours very respectfully
Simeon Sharp

Montion Ala January 14th 1867
 Wm. J. E. Schell
 To Col. John S. Schell
 New York

I send you all the information I can get in regard to the 14 amendment. I know no more than he says.

Our meeting has called up the 14 amendment if we will stop here. I think our meeting does the Union men much good. If the change is made in the Bureau officer I most warmly recommend for the position William M. Donald. Wm M Donald is a gentleman perfectly competent. lives at the County seat - everywhere - has been in business in this place off and on for 20 years - and is an unconditional Unionist. I think I can give satisfaction and confer a special favor on me.

As ever,
 W. J. Schell

Nashville Tenn. Jan 28, 1867.

Supt BRTAS
 Huntsville Ala

Sir: In the month of Feb'y 1866 I left my discharge from the 110th Regt Co E with Mr. Charles Biggs at your office. I have permitted and desired my discharge sent to me in the care of Mr. Anthony Alden at this point.

Miss A. S. Rogers }
 Caroline Ewing }

Very Respectfully
 Your obt Servt
 Thos. J. Schell
 Jan 11

Montion Ala Jan'y 28 67
 Col. Callis Hely Comr Huntsville
 or State Comr Montgomery Ala
 Sir:

I send herewith my report in accord-
 ance with Genl Order, 44. My report shows
 that the sub's were receipted for Jan'y 1st but
 they were not transportable to the place for some
 days after and I have got them ready to issue
 only a few days. I think the supply of coin
 will last through Feb'y but the balance will be
 exhausted sooner. I am only able to
 issue three hundred per month to each one re-
 ported.

Within the next few days I shall get
 a large accession to the number now reported.
 The Commissioners Comd have
 selected discrete men in various parts of the
 County with instructions to give all persons
 regardless of color who are really destitute
 certificates to present for supplies, and
 these certificates have as yet not been given
 in many localities for the reason that those
 who have drawn have not been advised
 of the manner in which they are to be
 used. They will all be in working order
 very soon.

This lot of sub's is the first I
 have recd, and is the lot designated for
 Dec^r but not recd till Jan'y

Respectfully
 Wm M Donald
 Dir Agt for Lawrence

Porter H. H. To
Brig. Genl Jno. Hall
General:

Monticello Ala Jan 20 1867

Yours of 24th ultimo in regard to my settlement for hire of Miss Jones is at hand and contents noted.

In reply, I have the honor to state that I am ready to make a just settlement with Tom Jones, whose daughter Miss Jones I hired. And in order to make the transaction entirely satisfactory to Tom as well as myself, have appointed next Tuesday to meet Tom at your office. I could state further that the contract, Tom or Miss Jones showed you was only a copy, which I gave Tom when he hired me his daughter, the original being in my possession & stamped according to law. But if Tom's copy required a copy stamp also, then I unintentionally violated the Revenue Law. I shall be at your office next Tuesday to make all satisfactory.

I am very Respectfully

Yours obt Servt
Porter H. H.

W. A. Hamrell To
Brig. Genl Jno. Hall
Genl:

Jones Crossing Jan 27, 67

Tom Jones has just handed me the inclosed (above) note addressed to yourself by Mr. Porter H. H. Tom has already lost several days trying to collect Rice, wages, and as we are very busy just now on the farm, he does not wish to leave the place if he can help it. Besides it costs him at least two dollars to go to Huntsville, and he has not the money to spare.

By my advice he leaves the matter with you

entirely, and whatever you do in the premises will give him entire satisfaction.

Balance due Rice on final settlement \$18.00 plus your claims in money and not in provisions, as Mr. B. refused to give him the provisions in the beginning of the year, and he has been forced to buy the provisions to live on. He now wants the money to buy for the provisions, as well as to buy his daughter the clothing necessary for her protection.

Please retain the money until I come to Huntsville when I can bring it home to Tom.

With sentiments of esteem

I am your obt servt
W. A. Hamrell

Genl Jno. Hall
Dear General:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th inst. I assure you that I can take the "test oath" without any equivocation or mental reservation, and ~~and~~ accept the appointment you have recommended, and if appointed United States Commissioner, will to the extent of my ability and authority, deal equal handed justice to in all cases brought before me regardless of color or condition, under the Civil Rights Bill. I thank you Genl for the confidence you have reposed in me, and the honor you have conferred upon me. I congratulate you on your promotion and wish you success in the discharge of your arduous duties. May order peace and brotherly love be soon restored to our dear brother and suffering Country. I have the honor to be
C. A. Jones

Col Geo S Hall
Colonel

Lanissa Ala Jan 28, 1867

I received yours of the 19th inst, stating you had sent my name forward to have me at United States Commission for Winston County wishing to know if I could comply with the requirements and would accept the appointment. I think I can comply with the requirements and accept the office. I have the honor to be your most obedient servant
A. J. Ingle

War Dept BRD & A S Cam Den
Washington Jan 22, 1867.

Bt Col Geo S Hall
Sub BRD & A S
Huntsville Ala
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of papers in the claims for Bounty of the following named discharged soldiers:

Amos Mannett Corp 44th Regt
Shakespeare David Pvt
Florida Hopkin " 42nd

Very Respectfully
Wm H. Jones
M. H. Jones M.G.

William A. Tustin
To Col. John S. Hall
Sir,

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received, informing me that you had recommended me at Washington City as a suitable person in the county for the office of United States Commissioner. My business is such that I cannot accept the office. I am engaged in the mercantile business at this place and it requires all of my time to attend to it. Col. J. S. Jones of this place will accept of the office, and is a good man, and well qualified to discharge the duties of the office - he is a merchant and a lawyer by profession.

Very Respectfully

William A. Tustin

Head Quarters Sub Dist of Ala
Montgomery Ala Jan 23, 1867.

Bt Col Geo S Hall
Sub Dist. for Ala.,
Huntsville Ala.,
Colonel:-

You are hereby directed to forward to this office on the 1st of Feb. a report containing a general summary of the work of your office during the present month with such general remarks as to the working of the labor system, apprentices law, poor law, and such other State laws as affect the class of people committed to the care of the Bureau. A monthly report covering chief points will hereafter be mailed to this office promptly on the 1st of each month.

By order of

Wm H. Jones
J. H. Conyngham

A. A. S.

Elliot, J. M.
To Col. J. M. Shallis
Kintsville Ala.
Sir,

Monticello Ala. Jan. 28th 1867

Yours of the 19th inst. received by last mail. To your inquiries regarding the position of the Commissioner I have to answer briefly as follows.

I can take the oath with a relish. I will accept the position, if there be money in it. And I will deal out justice without fear or favor. As yet I am grossly ignorant of duties that may devolve on me, and shall of course receive a copy of laws, orders, instructions &c under which to act.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servant,
J. M. Elliott

Susquehanna Ala. January 25th 1867

Turner, W. L.
To Col. J. M. Shallis
Sir,

On the 20th day of December 1866 I recd. from John H. Brown, agent, Eighteen Hundred Bushels Corn and Eight Hundred pounds of Bacon, to be issued to indigent families of this County.

As agent for the County, have issued all of the Bacon. I have issued about four hundred bushels Corn, and have about the same on hand. As we have quite a number of indigents in our county who are entirely dependant, it would be duly appreciated if you would have Bacon and Corn sent to us, the amount allowed for the County (if any).

I will send you my report between this time and the 1st of February.

Yours Respectfully
W. L. Turner

Office Surgeon & F. and U. S.
Monticello Ala. January 30th 1867

Shealy, C. C.
To Col. J. M. Shallis
Kintsville Ala.
Dear Sir,

Would it be proper to allow a regular agent to collect claims for the colored soldiers? There are several here who wish to have their claims for back pay, bounty and rations collected. In my judgment it would cost them as much as the ten dollars (which is allowed the agent for collecting) if they had to go to Kintsville to a agent appointed by the government to do their collecting - or if no agent is to be paid by Govt. would you object to Mr. Coleman who lives here, and is in the practice of law, collecting for them, and drawing his pay from the Govt?

I have refused to give him my permission to do so without first consulting with you upon the subject. You will please advise me fully as to this matter as I am applied to by colored soldiers often for information. I have the acts of Congress for 1865, and can find by law where agents of the Bureau are made Agents by virtue of the office they hold to collect those kind of claims.

I am yours, Respectfully &c

C. C. Shealy
Capt. U. S. A. Morgan Co.

Monticello Tenn. Jan. 31, 67.

Mrs. Penny Higgins (Col's)
Care Col. Shallis

I forwarded to you to Kintsville Ala in the early part of the month the money received on your Pension Certificate. I sent it in care of Capt. Breckinridge Bureau. Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Yours Truly
J. O. Smith

Tashille Tenn June 30, 87.

Mrs Elvira Toney
Care Col Butler

Care of Callie
I sent you in the early part of the
month the money collected on your Bounty Certificate
to Huntsville Ala Care Freedmen Bureau I also
enclose a form of application for a \$10 Bounty at-
toward you by Act of Congress, to be executed
and returned.

Yours to please acknowledge receipt of the money and inform me what you have done with it for or for Abbe Bonny.

Very truly
Yours &c

Office ~~Lt~~ ^{agent} BKA & A S
Cherokee Co Ga Gadsden June 28, 1867.

Turrelino AC

To Bt Col Geo B. Ballis. Sep 6, 40.

Huntsville Ala
Colonel:

Colonel: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the papers in the case of E. Williams, on the 27th inst and most respectfully submit, the following report. After much toil and labor I found Mr E. Williams, and from the best information received from him and others, I am fully of the opinion, that he is a man of bad character and that there is no cause of the complaint made. I made my report on the papers sent on the 27th of August that and included in that report three letters in answer to letters written to men at Marietta Ga whose names were furnished me by Mr E. Williams. The letters stated they they did not know any such a man and that no person had ever been treated as he represented himself to be treated. My first report was dated 14th of Oct 1868. It was delayed to get up till the fact in the case with a view, having the matter fully investigated at this office. My opinion from all the facts gathered

from him and others "that he is a serious
man and is stirring up strife wherever
he lives. He lives in one neighborhood but
a short time, I have had two interviews with
him and he makes different statements and
very contradictory. In the last interview
I had with him he told me that he would
go to Marietta and have settled the matter
himself. I inclose you a letter in answer
to one written to a Gentleman at Leesburg
and as high minded and honorable man
as there is in our state, and the statement I
can be proved by a number of good men, and
Mr. Williams says himself that he lived near
him and that he was one of the best friends
he ever had. I take the liberty to send it to
you without his consent and hope you will
not make it public I hope before this
time my first report has reached you

I have the honor to be Colonel
Your Obedient Servant
D C Turney
Adjt B R H A S

Chickini A. S.
 To General John Ballis
 Dear General

Montville Ala. Feb 4th 1867

The Freedman's School averaging 125 scholars, has suffered greatly this winter with cold, the building now or rapid work be equally unsuitable in summer as it is located on a grave yard, and within fifty steps of a slaughter yard. We have purchased a frame building 34 by 40 that we desire to fix up in substantial and comfortable style for church and school purposes. This building is on our own lot and fully insured.

White women have sold a Fair and raised some funds. I have raised a subscription in aid of the work, and yet in our impoverished condition are unable to complete the enterprise. We therefore appeal to you for an appropriation of \$157, or \$200, with the assistance we can have the building in readiness for the school in a short time. I hope this appeal will meet your approval.

I have the honor to be
 Your obedient servant
 A. S. Chickini

Mr. Supt. High Schools Office
 Washington D.C. January 31st 1867

Dear Genl. Samuel
 To Col. John S. Ballis
 Sir.

I am instructed to direct you to make in future, direct to this office, on the last day of every month, a report of your station and the office with which at that time, and the order under which you are acting, also on what duty you have been during the month. Please render reports for months of January, February, March, April, June, July, August, Sept. and October 1866.

Very respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 Samuel Greer
 Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters Sub Dist of Ala.
 Office Asst Adjutant General
 Montgomery Ala. Feb 1st 1867

Kinsman may O.D.
 To Col John S. Ballis
 Sir:

Please send to these head Quarters as soon as practicable, a list of the murders, murtherous assaults and outrages upon Freedmen reported to you, or coming to your knowledge since January 1st 1866.

The object is to show the relative prevalence of crimes against the persons of Freedmen in Alabama.

Names and details may be omitted.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt
 O.D. Kinsman
 Superintendent

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Feby 15 1867

Kinsman May 10
To Col John Ballis
Colonel:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Examination, conveyed by L.O. 84, Series 1866 from these Head Quarters, I am directed by the Act Com^r to inquire into the practicability of your reducing your clerical force at Huntsville to one person. The other Superintend^{ts} have none more than one Clerk, and it is thought that your work might be performed with the same force. You will please report by return mail as to this matter.

Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
O D Kinsman
Subb

Huntsville Ala Feb 6th 1867

Douglas D. S.
To Col John Ballis

I have been notified by J. C. Smith U. S. Dist Attorney, that I have no right to hold the property of C. L. Clay Jr now occupied by you; and I therefore no longer claim control of it.

J. C. Douglas
Marshal U. S. Dist Ala

May 10 1867
Moore John C.
To Col John Ballis

Dear Sir:

One of the 14th inst. was sent to me and enclosed noted, in relation to the appointment of United States Commissioner, I suppose I can comply with the requisition. I never was in the Confederate service, held a commission to the railways have been opposed to the rebellion and never have done anything except what I was obliged to do, to save my neck, as good as to address me and send me the Civil Rights bill and a copy of the last oath. My name is John C. Moore, instead of John H. Moore, (you will have to inform the Department of my proper name) I will gladly accept the position offered me, provided it will pay me. I am very seriously broken up by the rebellion. I feel under obligations to you for your kindness in sending my name up for the appointment of United States Commissioner of my county, and if appointed I will try my utmost to do my duty. May I be near from you soon and much oblige your obedient servant

Thomas M. Blair of Houston. He can tell you what kind of a man I am, my qualifications &c

John C. Moore

Quartermaster's Department of the Army,
General Subsisting Office, Louisville Ky.
February 1st 1867

Hammell & Co.
To Col. John S. Hallis

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of an account in favor of yourself for commutation
of quarters and fuel from 1st to 31st January; also transportation
accounts.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
D. C. Hammell
St. Maj. W. J. M.

Houston Ala. January 24th 1867

Reyde M. H.
To Col. John S. Hallis
Huntsville Ala.
Dear Sir:

In my January report & communication
to you I omitted to state that I had recd of Mr. C. C. Sharts at Decatur Ala. five
hundred sacks of corn in bad order and badly wanted, which according to
my calculations made 910 bushels. Mr. Sharts in a recent letter to me
stated that the Government had sent 2500 lbs of bacon to Decatur for Houston Co,
which on the final disposition of it proved to be only about 1526 lbs. This I
should have stated at the time I made my report. I shall write you again
for information on some important points in a few days. When I
get all the desired information collected, it will be relative to the murder
of a Freedman which took place in my county a short time
ago.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. J. H. Hays
Agmt.

Houston Ala., Jan'y 22, 1867.
Houston H. H. Agt Bureau
To Col. John S. Hallis
Huntsville Ala.
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit
my report of issues of rations to the destitute
of Houston Co, having no blank forms of reports
or definite instructions as regards the distri-
bution of the late supplies for the destitute of
Houston Co. I have prepared a report which I
hope will suffice for this occasion. Know-
ing that it was the object of Govt to help the
most destitute, I have endeavored to con-
fine the supplies thus furnished to the most needy
ones to the best of my judgment. It was at a
very late date before I knew that I was
expected to take charge of the late supplies
so I have done the best I could to have
them transported and issued. I have to
labor under greater disadvantage than any
other agt in your dist. I have so far
to transship, and the pecuniary condition
of my County is bad and very bad indeed.
Please excuse me for this time

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John S. Hallis
At Calugogah

Office R. L. T. A. L.
Decatur Ala Feb 7, 1857.

Shelby C. C.

To Col Geo H. Hall
Monticello Ala

Dear Sir:

Frank Abernethy who was paid
\$224 which note was traded to Chas
Burleson (Incedman) I have the note for collect-
ion and learn that Frank Abernethy is in Hunt-
ville. If he is I will send you the note for Col-
lection. As this says that Judge Starnes
owes him, also you will ascertain if you
please the correctness.

Charles Burleson 11th 1120 T whose
back pay has been collected at Nashville and
in shape of a Draft. The act of the Bureau
there would be that the Banks refuse to cash
the Draft, unless an administrator well sent
for it, as the Freedman Charles Burleson is
dead, and only has one child which is a minor.
There is no Freedman in this part of the County
who can become an adm^r, as the law of Ala re-
quires that they give bond and security, and no
white man will do so.

Then in that case what will be
done with the draft. It is for \$224. If some
one is not authorized to sign it for the child then
it must lose its money, and no one will become
the adm^r as the law requires.

I am Sir, Respectfully,
C. C. J. Macah

Monticello Ala Jan 3, 1857
Dear J. H. Judge of Probate
To Col Geo H. Hall

Pardon me for intruding
intruding upon your valuable time. I
was informed recently by a friend of mine
from Decatur that Mr Starnes who is in the
employ of Hon C. C. J. Macah, and he Starnes
had just returned from Huntsville where he
had met an agent of mine in my
official capacity, that would result in my
being misplaced. I also learn today that
he had entire control of the nation as
Decatur for which he is to receive three
hundred dollars per month. This came from
him to amount in the County, if Mr Starnes
has done anything in this way or charging
me you will please do me the favor to instruct
your agent in this County Mr Garrison to in-
vestigate the matter and report to you. I
Colonel I would respectfully suggest
nothing thing for your consideration
which I am satisfied would result benefi-
cially to this County and also in a small
way to the Govt and this is that you also
request Mr Garrison to inquire into the
character of Mr Starnes in this County
where he has lived for thirty years, upon
the report of which I am satisfied that
you would order his immediate removal.
The old man malice at me had it ori-
gin in my recent refusal to lend my offi-
cial signature to forward a fraudulent
claim of \$224 of his against Govt.

Hoping to hear soon from you I have the
honor to remain

Very Respectfully

J. H. Moore
Judge Probate
Monticello

Montgomery Ala. Feb 5 1867

Dear Mr. John P. Callis

Wm. P. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir

With this I send you

Also duplicate receipts for

Making

Out of this you will please pay us follows

Your pay account for January

Your account with the vouchers herewith returned

Hospital Roll for December not included in your account

Postage accounts of Dr. Patch

\$1216.53

144.15

\$1350.73

153.11

1096.73

67.00

3.70

\$1350.73

The accounts for blank books and stationery are returned for this reason. It is the place of the Quartermaster to provide such articles; and when they are purchased direct by an officer they are the one from Washington, that he must also state that the articles could not be procured in any other manner. I suspect also the blotting paper and envelope will not be allowed in any shape. Quartermasters refuse such articles. Before the first of July, while we were paying out of the funds we had accumulated here, they allowed us some things not in the Regulations; but since that date, as we pay from the appropriation of Congress, they confine us strictly to the rules governing the other Departments. The other voucher, that of the Dr. is also objectionable. In everything appertaining to Hospitals or the Medical Department, I am required to procure the approval of Dr. Kipp before paying. This voucher has other things than belong to his department, and therefore he declines to approve it. It is directed to keep accounts as distinct as possible. There is a certain amount set apart for particular purposes and all vouchers should be in such shape that the part appertaining to each branch of the appropriation can be settled by itself if necessary. That Stationery should not be joined on with such here, you can easily make them right.

Our money did not reach here till yesterday - hence this delay. I expect to start to morrow, in company with Captain Arthur, for the purpose of purchasing provisions for the destitute, and shall probably be absent ten days or two weeks. My late sickness put me so far behind with my work, that I shall not be able to adjust the transportation account you sent some time ago until I return. Please advise me of receipt of this.

Yours Truly
Edw. P. Callis

Bureau Refugees & Freedmen
Office Supt of Education
Montgomery Ala. Feb 2, 1867,

Dear Mr. John P. Callis

Supt. B. R. F. & A. E.

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Copies of Circular etc. which you will please be kind enough to distribute among the teachers of your District.

Your Report for January came to hand to day.

I am, Sir, very
Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
Edw. Buckley
Supt Education

Knoxville Tenn Feb 8, 67
Hon. John P. Callis
Enclosed I send you blank requested in yours of the 4th ult. inst.

Very Respectfully
John Caldwell
Pension Agent

Bureau Refugees and Freedmen
Office of Education
Montgomery Ala July 8, 1867.

L. H. Buckley Esq. Supt Education
To Col John B. Ballis

I have the honor to request that you send to this office the names and location of Teachers of Col Schools in your district. Be kind enough to forward the same at once, or soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
With sincere respects
Yr Obedient Servant
L. H. Buckley
Supt Education

Wentworth Lawrence Esq. Secy
Baltimore July 6th 1867

John Maj. Jones
To Brig. Genl John B. Ballis

Dear General,

I have no doubt but that you have expected to have seen or heard from me ere this. I was on board the train yesterday morning with my wife, with the hopes of meeting you soon, but owing to a break in the engine the train was delayed here so long that, rendered it a matter of some doubt to whether it would reach Montgomery during the day so we concluded to defer the trip until Sunday. I expected to have been ready with my reports before this, but have been waiting for Mr Shackelford's receipt for office rent, will have them in as good shape as possible to mail tomorrow. I enclose herewith an article I cut out of a Memphis paper the other day at Houston, where I had gone to approve contracts, but did not meet with much success owing probably to said article.

In the event of your ordering me to your office on duty for the love of God, do General manage so that I can draw my pay before leaving here. I owe a few small bills here, that on honor should be paid. I am going to Tusculum tomorrow to look after a horse belonging to a freedman in this neighborhood, and am anticipating some news for you on my return.

I have a matter on hand for your consideration which I think will interest you without any fear of embarrassment, I am offered the use of a plantation of 400 acres, everything upon the ground and at work in earnest, at 3 dollars per acre and furnish provisions for the hands. This is no humbug and when I can tell you more confidentially I think you will agree with me. I wish to consult with you more fully upon the matter before committing myself to the parties, and for that purpose will meet you at Huntsville on Sunday without fail.

Mrs. Jones in sending our best wishes &c

Fraternally

Your most obt. servt.
John Jones
W. Maj. &c

Montgomery Ala July 12th 1867

Dear Sir,
To Col. John B. Ballis

Dear Sir,

A few days ago recd. at yr hands the appointment of Bureau Agent, for which please receive my earnest thanks. If you have any orders or instructions to give me please send them over. I am wholly unacquainted with the business and am determined to try and find out my duty and do it faithfully. Will at all time be pleased to receive from you any orders or instructions that you may think necessary &c.

Truly and Respectfully

Yours &c
C. C. Guwin

P.S. I have this day sent to Maj. Jones for the books and papers would of gone down myself but am suffering with Rheumatism.

C. C. Guwin

Houston Ala Feb. 11th 1867

Wm. H. H.
To Col. John H. Hall
Kintsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Will you direct me to call your attention to an act of Congress, bearing date of July 16th 1866, relative to the pay Agents of the Freedmen's Bureau and others, for their services as such. I have copy a portion of the 3rd section of that act, to wit: "And the President may if in his judgment safe and judicious so to do detail from the Army all the officers and Agents of the Bureau but no officer so assigned shall have increase of pay, or allowances such Agent or Clerk not heretofore authorized by law, not being a military officer shall have an annual salary of not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than twelve hundred dollars according to the services rendered of him."

This is the law; it is sufficient to show beyond a reasonable doubt that I am entitled to pay for my services as Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for Houston. Will you be so kind as to give me the necessary instructions to enable me to make the collection, therefore please write me soon and oblige me.

Very Respectfully
Yours obedient servant
W. H. H.

Memphis Tennessee to Ala.
Feb. 21st 1867

Wm. H. H.
To Col. John H. Hall
Kintsville Ala.

Sir: On my return from Kintsville after paying you eight dollars for recording and approving my contracts I picked up the New York Tribune and found the enclosed statement in regard to fees being received by officers in the Freedmen's Bureau Department. Have you received any such order and is it in vogue in other departments. Quite a number of my neighbors as well as myself wish information in the matter.

Yours Respectfully
W. H. H.

Clear Creek Falls Ala. Feb. 8, 1867.

Ellis J. J. To
Mr. John H. Hall
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 19th is just at hand informing me of my appointment as all. g. Commissioner. I can accept the appointment and can conscientiously take the oath.

Your obt. servt
James Ellis.

Marion Co Ala July 8, 1867.

Montm Jt.
To Col Balli
Sir:

Yours of the 19th came to hand yesterday the 7th inst. I learn from Gault, you desire me to accept the appointment of Commissioner B.R. & A.S. in Marion Co. I suppose I can comply with requirements and at your request will accept the Office. In regard to Abandoned Lands there is none in this County that I know of. There are indigent families white & colored. Gov Patton has done all he can. They have come back and occupy the lands. My P.O. Address is Dublin Hayette Co Ala

Yours obedient servant
J. H. Montm.

Cumtland Ala July 13, 1867.

Dear General: I have the honor to report that I was this day relieved by Mr C C Guen of Montm, and enclose herewith his oath of office. I fear, General that I cannot be of much service to you this week, it is going to occupy more of my time to complete reports and arrange my affairs than I had anticipated; however I shall lose no time unnecessarily. My intention was to have been ready to leave this week. Mrs J sends her regards.

I am General,
Most Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Geo Jones Notary

Bot Brig Genl Jno Balli
Huntsville
Ala

Mar 21st B.R. & A.S.
Washington DC July 9, 1867.

Bot Col Jno Balli.
Supp B.R. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of papers in the claims for Bounty of the following named discharged Co C Soldiers:

Phillip McKlyn Co E 12th Regt
Milton Sater " 15th "

I am General
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
J. H. Montm
A. A. Genl.

Mar 21st B.R. & A.S.
Washington DC July 13th 1867.

Bot Col Jno Balli
Supp B.R. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of papers in the claims for bounty of Geo Sanders Late Rot Co K 15th Regt

I am General
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
J. H. Montm
A. A. Genl.

War Dept W R H & A S
Washington D C Feb, 12, 1857

Adj Col Geo B Callin
Dept W R H & A S
Montgomery Ala
Colonel

I have respectfully to inform you that in the Claim for Pension of Pleasant mother of Geo O Neal, dec'd late a Private Co W 110th Regt, an officers certificate as indicated in circular is from the office is required

Thos Kennedy late Capt of the Comp to which the dec'd belonged has been addressed a by Ottawa Ill, his Post Office address as furnished by the Adj Genl for the requisite certificate but it is doubtful if that is his present residence. If you know the whereabouts of any commissioned officer having a personal knowledge of the circumstances of the death of the soldier application should be made to him for such certificate

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Wm Fowler
Adj Genl

W R H & A S Office of Education
Montgomery Ala Feb 9, 1857

Col Geo B Callin
Montgomery Ala

Colonel: Your favor of 4th of Feb'y is at hand. In reply the asst Comm directs me to say that the Bureau will assist in the completion of the school house now being built by Freedmen under the direction of Rev. Mr. Lakin. An amount of one hundred and fifty dollars. Voucher for said sum will be at once made out and forwarded for your signature

Yours Obedt Servt
C. W. Buckley
Subt Education

W R H & A S
Washington D C Feb, 12, 1857

Adj Col Geo B Callin
Dept W R H & A S
Montgomery Ala

Your request of the 11th inst and in answer I would state that as I am in communication with Capt & Helen Lake of the 110th Regt. I will inform him of your request in regard to Oliver O'Leary, and probably he will furnish you with the desired information. It will not be expedient for me to think to furnish affidavits in case of any company. I have nearly all have been prisoners of war, and are entitled to commutation of rations and salaries for a year. I must be that there was not sufficient time to attend to it. As I understand, the affidavits are required in such individual case, to accompany the papers to Washington. But few of the members of my company live in the vicinity of Huntsville, and nearly if not all live have my address. Should they need assistance in collecting money due them from the U.S. Should any of them apply to you to collect their claims, I will gladly furnish the required affidavits since I have a correct list of prisoners copied from my morning reports, giving date of capture and return of between daily and daily men.

I have furnished affidavits in case of two men who applied through Claim Agent in Chattanooga for commutation of rations. Such applications should be accompanied by fees for copying Public (40 c) and N.C. Clerk (60 c). Should you desire it, I can furnish you with the address of most of the late officers of the 110th Regt and any assistance I can lend will be freely given in this cause.

Very Respectfully
J. N. Beck

For Mr. Geo. H. To
 Col. Jno. D. Bacon
 J. H. D. Bacon
 Win. Smith Ala
 Sir.

Southland, Ala. July 5, 1867.

There is a boy 18 years old here who left his mother and two sisters, who has gone off with another man under the following circumstances. A gentleman of the name of Billy Tabaker and myself agreed to run a plantation together for the present year. He was to bring from Mississippi 12 good average hands and pay them for their time. I was to furnish the land the beans and tools, I to feed the hands and the team I had with me 32 hands. He only brought 20 hands from Mississippi inferior force. I agreed to let my old hands go in to make the full complement. He recently became dissatisfied and proposed that we should dissolve if the hands were willing. They agreed to it. A contract was previously made that they were all to remain on my place during the present year and by his proposition we agreed that the hands should determine who they should go with, we not saying a word to them. I pledge my word and I offered no inducement to any of them to stay with me. I simply said to all the hands that they should elect either to remain with me or go as they pleased. I am told by the negroes that remained with me - that I do not say this myself - that he offered them heavy inducements to go with him. This boy left his family, his mother two girls and a child, leaving nobody to chop a stick of wood. I have proposed to him to take the whole family, or send the boy who is only 18 years old and under control of his mother back. I can prove these facts. The father and mother of the boy are coming to me every day by their solicitation to bring the boy home. Write

you this letter - I am willing to take the whole family or give up the same, but am not willing to keep the women and children and let him take the only efficient hand in the concern.

I wish you to determine the case, whether I shall take the boy back or him to take the women and children. Please address Mr. J. A. Simmons with authority to act in this matter or any agent you may have on this place. I understand you have no agent here yet.

Mr. Sullivan has as the negroes tell me by enticements offered taken five of my old hands from me besides this one. This I won't complain of but I do complain of his crowding families taking goods and leaving me the bad, I positively object to. Please answer immediately or I shall be compelled to turn these women and children out for better hands.

George H. Porter

Subden February 6, 1867

Stevenson D. Co
 To Mr. John D. Bacon
 Huntsville Ala.

Thanking you for the receipt of your letter enclosing copy of the act of our Legislature, I am greatly annoyed by the treatment of this and adjoining counties on the subject of having their children bound. There is instance where a woman had in children two only over 12 years of age, and our Judge of Probate has bound the two eldest and turned the women off without the youngest. I have called his attention to the fact on two or three instances, but he thinks I have nothing to do with it unless I have special order to do so. I live as you are aware near the corner of my county, four other counties lying near me, and I have continual complaints from these counties. I being the agent for Cherokee County only. I have not taken any steps to correct the evils complained of. But in all cases told the parties that I would refer it to you. Will you do me the honor to let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

The Freedmen are generally doing well; and the whites and Freedmen are agreeing on contracts and on good and liberal terms with few exceptions.

J. D. Thornton

Head Quarters 1st Regt. Kentucky
Henderson, Ky., Feb. 14th 1867

Kinsman O. D.
To Col. John R. Butler

Huntsville, Ala.
Colonel

Your communication
of the 8th inst. regarding rent for the clay's building used by
you as an office is received, in reply the Asst. Com. is not
directed me to say, that you are authorized to estimate for
said rent from the date of the order releasing the clay's
property to him.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. servant
O. D. Kinsman
Capt.

~~Office 1st Regt. Ky. H. L.~~
~~Huntsville, Ala. Feb. 17, 1867~~

~~Car. A. J. Miller~~

Applegate, A. J.
To Col. John R. Butler

Sir:

30-day a man claiming to be a constable
in company with two other men all armed came to my house with a mule
they had taken from one Harry Haynes (a slave) acting under a
warrant issued by one Smith of Pa. Indiana. The mule is one (spab)
bought of Blake and Crabody in the Spring of '66, was sold by me
during the summer to said Haynes. The pretended owner of the
mule claims that it was captured by Col. Horner's forces in
their raid on the other side of the river in the fall of '65.

I think this is a case that comes under the Civil
Rights Bill - what think you? Please consult Day and
answer immediately

Yours Respectfully
A. J. Applegate

Marshall Co. Ala. January 30th 1867
Huntsville, Ala. and
To Col. John R. Butler

Sir:

Very entirely destitute of anything
to subsist on, and feeling that as late claims on the Government from the
fact that both of our husbands served in the Union Army. One died in
the 1st Indiana Cav. the other served in the same Regt who is absent at
this time, and we being entirely unable to procure anything for support
from the fact that the country is entirely prostrate in ruins. Station
at Huntsville, but they are a long way off, and would be a great deal of
and always comes sparingly to any person that was loyal to the old flag.
Should you consider our petition it will be thankfully received and
them to Hunt Creek Station.

Yours with great anxiety

Josephine and
Martha Butler & Children

App. N. H. Bureau of Prisoners, Refugees and (C. G. H. H.)
Huntsville, Ala. February 13th 1867

Dea. W. H. Miller

To Col. John R. Butler

Sgt. S. C. and U. L.

Huntsville, Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to inform you
that the Second Auditor of the Treasury reports the name of Core
wedger of St. Louis, Murphy to Col. H. M. Clegg, U. S. A. who died May
20th 1865, is suspended for a statement under oath by the witnesses Frank
Morely and Franking Murphy of the length of time they have known
the parties. With the evidence please return the letter

I am Col. very respectfully
Your obdt. servant
J. M. Fowler
A. A. Gent

Cincinnati O. July 13, 1867.

Arthur H. Carr
To Mr. J. P. Ballou
Capt. B. A. S.
Monteale Ale

Sir: I have shipped to you at Monteale
Bags of Corn, and to Decatur Bags of
Corn by Railroad. The remainder to your
address will be shipped by River to Tusculum.
I would like you to receive it at that place,
and make the necessary arrangements to have it
transported by railroad from that place to De-
catur and Monteale. Rates should be Govt
rates.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. C. Carter.

Monteale Ala. Dec. 18th 1867

James H. John
To Mr. Brig. Genl. John A. Callis
Capt. J. P. Ballou
Lt. Col. M. A. S.

General,

I have the honor to transmit
herewith an account of my transactions as Agent of the State of Ala. from Jan. 1866, to Dec. 18th 1867
inclusive, with vouchers for expenditures for month of January 1867. I have
forwarded in previous reports vouchers for rent and wood. I have also
a voucher for Stationery, but the amount charged was not met and was paid by me.
Col. Kipp of General Quartermaster Staff called on me at Col. Callis' residence
my office, and I have General Quartermaster's receipt of this account. I may soon be
enabled to draw my pay which I am indeed very much in need of.
The balance of thirty nine \$70 dollars in my hands will be held
subject to your order.

I am Sir most respectfully
Yrs. Obedt Servt

John H. John
Agent of the State of Ala. and Dec. 18th 1867

Dec. 18th 1867

Mount Pleasant, N. H.
January 31st 1867

Garrison, J. C.
To Col. John P. Curtis
Sir

After an acknowledgment of my warmest thanks to you for your kindness in recommending me as a suitable person for United States Commissioner, I will say to you, that I am as true of this rebellion as an unborn babe, I never aided or abetted in any way, but always opposed it to the utmost of my ability, and can take the best oath, and am glad that it is required of U. S. Officers, and wish it was required of all State officers. I will accept the office should it be conferred on me and will do my duty to the best of my ability.

I have the honor, Sir, to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. C. Garrison

Mount Pleasant, N. H.
February 18th 1867

Garrison, J. C.
To Col. John P. Curtis
Dear Sir

I have for a few days only been acting as Agent of Bureau of P. O. and A. S. under your appointment, have much to do with some cases for which the orders which were handed me by Maj. Jones do not appear to have any bearing. I must therefore ask of you to do me the favor of instructing me. A man came with his hired Freedmen to have the written contract approved, which contract was written and assigned by the parties and witnessed about the first of the year; the Freedmen refused to have it approved for which he gave no reason, only that he did not think he could not make any thing under said contract; the employer wanted me to use force to the Freedmen to the contract, or force them to pay him fifty dollars, I declined having anything to do with it.

A Freedman this day reported to me that while

he was in the Army, a fellow servant of his, hired to a white man two brothers and a sister, all married for 100, 50, and 25 dollars, making \$175.00; the employer was to clothe them &c. As soon as he reached home his fellow servant told him what the contract was and gave the business up to him. He had a conversation with the father-in-law of the man who had hired his brother and sister, and he told the Freedman that his son-in-law was to pay \$175, for said brother and sister the father-in-law and son-in-law formed in partnership - he the Freedman says the son-in-law did not look said hands and refuses to pay any hire for them; they did not have a written contract - what is to be done in this case? the same Freedman says he had \$86.00 the sub Colton made by himself on the same farm where his brother and sister worked, and the old gentleman Elijah M. David took his Samuel M. David (Freedmen) Colton to pay a debt of another freedman, with which he Samuel M. David Freedman had nothing to do. No written contracts in any of the above cases - what am I to do?

Green M. David Freedman reports that he bought a cow and calf from the son-in-law above named John Brown for \$30; had paid all but 6 or 8 dollars for them - Brown had killed the yearling the cow having a young calf. It appears that he bought the cow some two years ago, he reports that he this day offered to pay said Brown the balance due on said cow which Brown refused to take; he then told Brown to pay him back what he had paid on the cow. Brown replied that he had no money, Green the Freedman wants if he pays the balance on the cow - the cow - Brown to pay him for the yearling he killed; if he can get the cow he wants his money back &c.

I hope to know when I am better acquainted with the business that I will be of but of little trouble &c.

I saw in a letter by you to Maj. Jones, that you said it might be advisable for me to appoint a sub agent at Courtland. Mr. C. Shackelford of Courtland said he would act if appointed. I told him to act until I could hear from you and if you said it must be done I would then make the order &c. I am informed to day that he Mr. Shackelford declined to act. If it is true, am not prepared to say that it is not necessary to have an agent in Courtland but it is my opinion that it is not, for when the Agency was at (over)

Courtland, in seven miles of the County line one agency then answered; it is now within three miles of the centre of our County. If you should at any time decide that a sub agency shall be at Courtland, please inform me if he will have to take the turpentine.

A great many are refusing to have their contracts approved, which my short experience convinces me & is the source of much trouble what is to be done in such cases.

C. C. Guwin

Huntsville Ala Feb 15th 1867

Wm. D. J. Moore
To Col. John B. Cates
Huntsville Ala.

Sir, The Court of County Commissioners at their regular term this day, ordered me to correspond with you on the subject of distribution to wit: there are some paupers in the keeping of parties, on account of the County and the County is unable to pay promptly. Is it allowable for me to furnish them for the use of the paupers and charge the same as a set off on settlements? If the paupers were turned out they would be proper persons to receive it, and further there are some other claimants for keeping paupers who in the absence of such claim would be entitled to draw rations, can I advance them a small amount and charge to them on account of the County. Also it is good as to inform me of the prospect of any further supplies as I am impoverished a great deal.

Very Respectfully

J. D. Moore
Notary Judge Mount Co.

Summers Co. S. C. Summerville S. C. Jan. 15th 1867
To General Thomas

Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty as a loyal citizen and late Officer of the U. S. Army to inform you of the suffering condition of the Freedmen at this portion of Summerville. Some of them contracted for a part of the crop and some for wages for the year past and there is a greater complaint among them of not being paid, and those that worked for a portion of the crop get nothing and those that worked for wages can't collect owing to the present stay law in this State. Justice John A. Green the Circuit Court Judge pays no attention to the complaints. He refuses to give the women their children that are under age who is in possession of others. He suffers men to employ them for half price, in fact he is a noted Rebel and is no friend to the colored man, or the Union man. If they (Rebels) knew that I wrote you this I could not stay here in any safety. They are in a worse condition at present than when slaves, and I do think that some loyal man should see in to the matter.

They despise the Union man here and call us L - & Tories. I had the honor of commanding Co. D. 10th Tenn. Cav. and was with you at Nashville Tenn. I am formally an East Tennesseean.

The Rebels gets the most of the rations sent here. Their employes are allowed in some cases to beat and abuse them as if they were slaves and go unpunished. We have no protection here with their present laws, a word of advice or assistance from you would be gratefully received.

Your obedient servant,

C. P. Simmons

Summerville S. C.

Cincinnati Ohio Feb. 17 1867

Arthur, A. C.
To Col. J. M. Wallis
Supt. B. & O. R. R.
Huntsville Ala

Sir,

Enclosed you will please find
\$ of \$ of 587 Bucks for forwarded for & and to be care
of the B. & O. R. R. also \$ of \$ of 3770 Bucks for supplies to
Huntsville. I could not make any contract beyond Huntsville,
I would therefore request that the proper arrangements be made for its
receipt at that point. I will make a contract for the remainder
to be delivered at Huntsville and weighed at that point as I can
purchase for delivery at Huntsville at as low rates as corn will
carry here with transportation, insurance and risk
between the point and destination.

The bills of lading to be forwarded to Col. Edmund Beecher
for payment, these \$ of \$ will only be paid upon your receipt
that the stores have been received in as good order as per bill.

The bills of lading for the supplies will be all forwarded
to you for Huntsville, Decatur and Huntsville.

I am very respectfully

Yours obdt. servant

A. C. Arthur

Special Agent B. & O. R. R.

Barlow & Co. Ala Feb. 20, '67.

Thompson Allen
To Col. J. M. Wallis
D. C. J. M.

I write to get you to send me a re-
ceipt for my discharge and application for
bounty. I belonged to 110th Regt. Inf.

I gave my papers to D. C. Rugg a
year ago the 10th of the month. By sending
the receipt to Allen Thompson Barlow & Co.
not Ala care of Dr. J. P. Pride you will
much oblige.

Yours Respectfully
Allen Thompson

War Dept B. & O. R. R. Admin Division
Washington D. C. Feb. 5, 1867.

St Col J. M. Wallis
Supt B. & O. R. R.
Huntsville Ala
Colonel:

I have the honor to return herewith, dis-
charge certificate and application for addl Bounty of
Edmund Todd late of Co E 44th Regt. Inf. The application
not having served two full years, and not having
been discharged on acct of wounds is not entitled to ad-
ditional bounty Act of July 28, 1855.

The 18th clause in the rules and regulations Cir-
cular 6 from this office, provides addl Bounty for
soldiers discharged by reason of the termination of the
war, not for those mustered out by reason of their
services being no longer required.

The 2nd Comptroller of the Treasury has
decided that the 20th day of August 1866 (date of the
President's Proclamation declaring the insurrection
to be at an end) should be taken as the termination
of the war within the meaning of the act referred to.

If the above named man has not

received bounty, his claim should be made
for the "Old Hundred" Bounty, provided
by Act of Congress approved July 22nd 1861

This letter to be returned with new application

Very Respectfully

Yours truly

J. A. Gen'l

A. A. Gen'l

Head Quarters Sub Dist. Hatteras
Montgomery Ala. Feb. 23rd 1867

Kinsman C. S.

To Sub. Dist. John S. Hallis

Sub. Asst. Comm.

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel

The State Relief Association are making arrangements to forward a shipment of corn to this State for issue to the destitute. Three thousand (3000) bushels of corn will under this arrangement be shipped to Mobile and by arrangement made with the Government, One thousand (1000) bushels will be turned over to you for issue in your sub-dist. to the destitute colored people only.

A separate Report showing how these supplies are issued must be rendered that it may be forwarded to the association making the donation. The names will certify the consignees at Tuscombias, are the same as those receiving the food supplies to turn over the amount mentioned to you.

Very Respectfully

C. S. Kinsman

Sgt.

Head Quarters Sub. Dist. Ala.
Feb. 25th 1867

Kinsman C. S.

To Sub. Dist. John S. Hallis

Sub. Asst. Comm.

Huntsville Ala.

Colonel

A communication was sent you on the 23rd inst. in regard to a shipment of corn which is to be sent to Tuscombias, by the Southern Relief Association. It is believed there is a clerical error in that letter by which in the second sentence the word "Mobile" was written instead of Tuscombias, as it should have been. It such is the case please correct it.

Yours C. S. Kinsman
Sgt.

Office Quartermaster General U. S.
Montgomery Ala. Feb. 27th 1867

Sergeant C. A.

To Gen. John S. Hallis

Huntsville Ala.

Sir

You will find enclosed school report for month of February 1867. I am glad to say, that the school here is getting along admirably under the supervision of its present teacher. Our Mr. Manning and hope it may continue in its present flourishing condition. I have made only forty two (42) contracts for this month and January the people are very reluctant this year in making contracts hoping to save the little few they have to pay.

Your obedient servant

C. A. Sings Sgt. J. B.

Hanning N. H.
To Col Geo Wallis
Sir:

I should feel a thousand times obliged to you if you would feel disposed to answer my letter concerning my horse. I am greatly indebted and I think I am actually laid off in this business.

Respectfully Yours
N. H. Hanning
12 Broad St.

Moulton Ala Feb 23 1857.

Yours C. C.
To Col Geo Wallis
Sub Asst Comm R. F. H. S.
Colonel:

I fear I shall be too much trouble to you, for a short time at least, until I become somewhat acquainted with my duties, powers, &c. I wrote to you a few days ago for some advice and instructions. Have not yet heard from you. Since I last wrote a new case has been reported by a freed man and I am at a loss how to act. The freed man as he reports bought a horse of a white man, for the horse he gave an open account in another white man. He bought the horse last fall and entered upon possession by the consent of the man of whom he had bought him. Some time after this he swapped the horse off in the presence of the man he got him from, and he who sold the horse to said freedman consented for him to swap off said horse and told the man who was getting the horse that it was all right that the title would be good &c. A few days ago the man who sold the horse to the freedman went into the field and by force took the horse from said freedman and says he held a lien on the horse he sold, or on whatever held in place of him, denies that he was to be paid by a third party, but was to have been paid last Christmas by

said freedman, admits that he had no written lien &c. Now am I to act? But, Col., what I am most anxious to know is in the 1st place, is this a case which I shall have any action, or is it a case for our courts? and in the 2nd place how are my actions or decisions to be sustained? Who is to enforce them? Suppose for instance you decide that the above case is one for my decision, and I decide that the horse is the property of the freed man claiming him, and the white man refuses to deliver the horse as per my order, what can I do to force him to give up the horse? I hope there is some way provided to enforce all orders, else it would be a useless thing to decide cases or make orders &c. Yet I see no provision for such enforcement of any order in my hands. Please give this as early attention as you can, as there is great danger of the horse being put out of the way. This day was trial day, but the white man holding the horse made oath that he was not ready for trial on account of the absence of a material witness, and I have set the 9th of March for a hearing, giving him time to get his witness, and giving me time to hear from you.

Very Respectfully
C. C. Genin
Sub Asst of Bureau of
R. F. H. S.

Supt of the Interior
Indian Office January 21st 1867

Surgeon Joseph H.
St.oughton Esq. U.S.A.

You are respectfully requested to
furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of Jase R.
Co. Kirby who was a Supt. in Co. "B" 1st Regt. of Ala. Cav. Volunteers,
who is reported to have died at Bridgeport Ala, on the 1st day of
March 1864, of Dropsy &c;
Please attach this voucher to your report and return the same
to this office.

Respectfully
Joseph H. Parrott
Commissioner

Surgeon Esq. U.S.A.

Dec. 124

Nashville Ala City 27th 1867

Dearest John
St.oughton Esq. U.S.A.
Dr. Sir.

In reply to yours of the 22nd and 25th I would
state, that upon careful examination of my books I do not find on them
the name of any of the parties mentioned in said letter, Palsey or
Waller Semmons or William Rains. If the claims were handed
to any of my sub agents, it may be that they have not yet been sent
in, and that I may yet receive them. This possibility would depend
of course upon their being recently filed.

I am with much respect

Per. W. J. Hayes

Yours truly
John Orrell

S. R. F. Esq. A. L. Lando
Office Supt. and Genl. Claim Agent
Nashville Feb 25th 1867

Wt Maj Genl. L. Carlin
To Supt. R. and F.
Nashville Ala.

Sir.

I have the honor respectfully to inquire what
has become of the discharge belonging to Clem Malone Co. H. 110th U.S. Inftry.
He says he left the discharge in the Bureau and has had no
opportunity to get it. If you have it and will forward it to me
I will make up his claim for the bounty to which he is entitled.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully, Yours etc. Sincerely
By order Wt Maj General

L. Carlin

Ans Laurence

Supt. R. and F.

Nashville Tenn. Feb 28, 1867.

Robt Wrig. Genl. Geo. H. Hallis
Sub Ass't Genl. R. and F.
Nashville Ala
Sir -

Yours of 27th just rec^d. The last intelligence
I rec^d about the claims of Barnett & Galt Chapman
was that both were in the hands of the 2nd Auditor,
who calls for evidence showing what was the status of
claimant and mother of deceased, if slaves, whether they
were slaves of the same or different masters, also
whether they lived together as husband and wife, and
were so regarded, and whether claimant had the
custody and support of the children deceased
included. Evidence on the same points are required
in each case by separate affidavits.

This information was called for
some time since but I have not been able

Learn the address of claimant. If you will have the necessary affidavits prepared setting forth the facts called for, I will be under obligation to you and think the claim will be speedily paid on the forwarding of the testimony required.

Very Respectfully Yrs
J. H. Hyde
Cypress, Texas

Officer
Houston Tex. Feb. 23rd 1867

Hyde W. H.
To Col. John S. Hallis
Monteville Ala.
Near S.C.

Enclosed I send you my report of issues for the month of February to the destitute of Winston County. In my report of issues for the month of January I had on hand 185 bushels of corn, which I issued as stated in my report for Feb. I have not received any other supplies as yet, and am happy to say, that every thing is going on very well in Winston - so far as regards peace and harmony among the people.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. H. Hyde Agent of
Bureau of Land & O. S.

Houston Tex. March 5th 1867

McDonald William
To Col. John S. Hallis
Commissioner
Near S.C.

I made my report promptly on the 25th Jan. and suggested that I would be pleased to have blanks forwarded to me, so I could make report again on the 25th Feb. up to this time I have used no blanks - there was but one blank sent me which I used in my report 25th of Jan.

I have had no bacon since the fair lot supposed to be 1600^{lbs}. I have issued all that I had, and it weighed 1467^{lbs}. I cannot make out a report for the month ending Feb. 25th in a manner satisfactory to the authorities without a blank form. I have had the figures all made up from my books hoping to hear from Head Quarters by that date. There are numerous applications for bacon up to this time I have had no time to issue to all the applicants but it is nearly exhausted. If in your power please forward another issue, and if it can be done, send it to Houston Station N. & O. S. I need in all and but the one time, 1000 sacks of corn, and what was called worth of bacon about 16th January, at the date of my report on Jan. 25th I had issued 133^{1/2} bu corn, and 569^{1/2} lbs. bacon, which I reported forward to you, 2 more then (which I will show in my report when I get blank form, I have issued 653 bushels corn and 897^{1/4} lbs. bacon, and bacon all out making my report and report stands shown in the following recapitulation - thus:

Say. Amk Corn received	400 Sacks	Say	800 bushels
" issued previous to Jan. 25 th	133 ^{1/2}		
" " since that date	653	186 ^{1/2}	
		13 ^{1/2}	
		Bacon on hand	
Say with more than hold over			
Say Bacon received called		1600	
" issued to Jan. 25 th	569 ^{1/2}		
" " since	897 ^{1/4}	1467	
		133	

This amk short
All of which is respectfully submitted as the most satisfactory report I can make until supplied with forms

William McDonald Agt.

ureau of Refugees and Freedmen off. Dept. of Education
Montgomery Ala. Feb. 28th 1867

Lucy C. M.
To Oscar M. Moring
Montgomery Ala.

Sir, Please sign enclosed vouchers and forward to Col. Leath with the request that he sign them and return to this office.

Very respectfully
C. M. Buckley
Supt. Education

Montgomery Ala. March 5th 1867

Moring Oscar M.
To Col. John B. Leath
Montgomery Ala.

Sir, Enclosed please find "Vouchers" which I this day received from the Supt. of Education for the State of Alabama. According to request I send the Supt. an account of the outlay here together with original bills from the parties who did the work and I have with his answer received the enclosed documents which I have signed and now forward to you as directed by him - I am not too familiar with Govt. business but if all is right please do as requested in the Supt's letter. Viz. - sign and return to his office at Montgomery - If anything should be incorrect or incomplete please advise me of the same and oblige.

Yours very respectfully
Oscar M. Moring

Off. Supt. Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen off. Dept. of Education
Montgomery Ala. March 5th 1867

Reverend A. M.
To Col. John B. Leath
Supt. Education

Montgomery Ala.
Colonel

Yours of the 28th ult. making inquiry for the location of Legras Sharpe "Freedman" is at hand.

I have made inquiry and ascertained that Legras is living here with his crasin Joe Sharpe and Kiam is living at Emma Ala. with Wiley Sharpe.

The old master desires to know if these inquiries are made by Legras himself. He (Legras) was reported to be dead - but if still living and well write to Thomas A. Sharpe or W. G. Sharpe at Sem. point they will give him full information about his children and old friends.

Very respectfully

Your old friend

A. M. Perce

Col. Moring and Supt. (Supt. Genl. S. M. J.)

Montgomery Ala. March 5th 1867

Carryon S. S.
To Col. Leath

I introduce Mr. A. Collins as a reliable Union man from Dekalb Co. Ala. He had two years in the Federal Army and we must protect such men - he has some business in your town - please him right -

S. S. Harrison

Head Quarter Department of the Interior
General Land Office Louisville Ky. March 7 1867

Hammill, S. R.
To Colonel John S. Curtis
Kimbrelle Ala.
Colonel,

Enclosed please find my check
154 on the Ord. Dep. of this city and to your order for \$89.⁷⁷
in payment of your ac for & m. of grs. to Kimbrelle Ala. from
15 to 28th of February 1867 94 56

Genl Int. Rec. 4, 73
Special Order No. 4, is herewith returned. Please acknowledge
the enclosure.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. servant
S. R. Hammill
Bot Maj. Asst. Gr. Mgr.

Coulbourn Ala March 11th 1867

Goodfellow, J. M.
To Col. John S. Curtis
Kimbrelle Ala.
Sir:

Like others I made a failure last
year in croping, but made enough to pay the labor, but not enough
to pay it and all other bills, but hold that the labor ought to be
paid first then the balance apply as far as it will go. Maj. Jones took
charge of my half of the crop out of which to pay the Freedmen, but has some
way given Col. A. S. Ashford to ship part of the crop - it was my own
request that he Jones take charge of the crop and pay the hands. Sub. A. A
has shipped 36 bales of the cotton and says he will ship the balance.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Green Agent for the county be instructed
to take charge of the balance of crop and pay the hands or turn it over
to Mr. O. H. Bynum who will take it and pay the hands. I intend no
reflection on Maj. Jones but do not like the Bureau to lie up
my interest and leave O. S. Ashford who is my personal enemy to
control it - I think I am not unreasonable in asking that you
place it in the hands of O. H. Bynum or S. S. S. or S.

Shackelford and let them dispose of the matter. I am afraid all
persons here who know anything of the case will testify that I was
in dishonour - an arbitration awarded me \$54.14 damages in
settlement and half of all the crop all I ask is that the Bureau
or some one of their appointment have charge of my cotton

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. servant
J. M. Goodfellow

Attn: Ala March 7th 1867

Corrigan, James L.
To Col. John S. Curtis

I have been importuned and begged this
day to interfere or to use my influence with you to shut out in a
case of a Mule between Culbert and Allison or Culbert vs. Senf.
P. Reid. I have offended friends by refusing to do so and the reason
of it is that as Attorney I have been employed to defend a suit brought
by said Reid vs. Culbert for the Mule and know too much of the facts
of the case to do so - there were two mules stolen the same night from
Reid by the same parties all of whom were in partnership and divided
the spoils - no matter which of the two this mule is it seems to me
this is the property of Reid who ought to have just the order you
give him to obtain it. I submit your order for its justice and
importuneness and write this because I desire you to do right
and consider it such

James L. Corrigan

Montreal, N. H. March 13th 1867

Guion & Co.
To Col. John A. Guion
My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 8th inst. came to hand by yesterday's mail. - I am somewhat at a loss to know how in am to manage to get the corn and bacon hauled from Courtland to Montreal. I think that an arrangement could be made with wagoners to haul it by paying them corn and bacon for the hauling, but I do not feel at liberty to make such an arrangement without your consent - please inform me what to do about it. I also feel that I will be troubled to get any place of deposit for it as there are no vacant houses in town, but I will do the best I can &c. It is my duty in person to distribute out, if so I am always ready to do any duty. - I have dispensed with an agent at Courtland - my orders require me to record contracts between Freedmen and white men in a book kept for that purpose - I have not yet a book and can get one none here for sale. The book which Maj. Jones had in use for the above purpose when I went to Courtland to receive the papers &c. he requested me to let him keep the book until he would record a few contracts which I consented to - he left the book with Mr. Shackelford who I had agreed to appoint as sub agent for Courtland, if I found upon a return to you that you required me to have such agent. - I wrote to Mr. Shackelford to send the book to me - he wrote to me that the book was the private property of Maj. Jones, & then wrote him to send it up and let me get a complete copy of the entries and I would return it to him, and he has failed to send it - I am frequently called on by parties who had contracts for last year to have said contracts cancelled and I having not received either the original contracts nor the record of them, can do anything with it. Please advise me what to do - In cases reported to me for settlement, for last year's labor and all other cases between white men and Freedmen referred to me for settlement, it is required of me to keep a record of them, am I allowed to charge anything for settling cases as above stated, and if so how much and who is it to be paid by - I hope &c. you will excuse my long letter as I am asking the above information to enable me to do right.

I have just received news that the corn and bacon has all been overflowed and spoiled on the river bank at Niscombie.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. servt

A. C. Guion

Montgomery Ala March 14th 1867

Richer, Edwin
To Col. J. A. Guion
Montreal N. H.
Colonel,

I send you herewith \$876.⁰⁰ in payment of the following claims for February.

Your personal account	\$177.11
Postage	8
S. C. Lugg	47.50
J. H. Adams	47.50
J. S. Keapm	20.00
A. P. Murray	8.90
Apson and Seal	2.00
J. A. Johnston	1.45
J. S. Arnold	13.75
Mr. M. E. Patterson	50.00
Wm. Wallace	15.00
E. Davis	15.00
John Calver	7.50
	<u>\$876.71</u>

The accounts pertaining to the Medical Department I will have to return until Dr. Kipp's return for his approval - also the others not in this list. There is one name on the receipt roll not on your account current that of John Calver.

Hereafter in sending your acct for monthly pay form 3, don't fill up the date of the receipt - as soon as Genl. Sigsbee and Dr. Kipp return I will attend to the remaining acct. Please advise me of the result of this.

Respectfully
Edwin Richer

Bucher Edwin
To Col. J. S. Bullis
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel

Montgomery Ala March 16th 1867

With this I send \$458.25 Less
discount of 1/4 percent on \$240
in payment of the following claims

J. M. Green	Black	\$97.50	S. D. P. Black	\$97.50
J. M. Belland		75.00	Hospital bill.	54.00
J. M. Burke		43.25	Said Bradford	54.00
J. Conayne		10.00	Said Jones	27.00
				<u>458.25</u>

I had to pay a small discount on a part of the money - two cents. I am compelled to return. That of Joseph Bradford is entirely for General I have before written you in relation to the necessity of particularizing the accounts, all the items, and price of each, must be distinctly stated, or if the work was done by contract, the date and terms of contract must be clearly set forth - We have had so many accounts returned for want of these particulars, that I cannot pay without them.

Your two accounts for expenses are also defective in sundry and various particulars.

1st All accounts paid from Bureau Funds must be in triplicate.
2nd An account of the items must accompany the voucher, either on the same paper, or another and attached to the voucher - That account statement must show what particular expenses were paid - such as fare from Huntsville to Decatur (then give the amount) Huntsville to Decatur, &c.
3rd I cannot see how under order 68, you could make two trips & direct you to go to Decatur and Tusculum (both I believe on the same line and work of Huntsville) and then to return to your station - my impression is, the proper construction of the order contemplated by one trip - I presume you can make up the account so as to cover the proper expenses.

Please inform me as soon as convenient, of receipt of this money.

Truly Yours

Edwin Beecher

Riddle C. G.
To Col. J. S. Bullis
Dear Sir

Cincinnati March 15th 1867

When we sold Mr. Rugg these coaches he promised to send the cash due to Cincinnati by a draft on New York. The draft was to have been here by the 15th of March, it is now the 18th and no draft received. You will please see the cause for its delay and if not send ask him to send it immediately we are in need of the money and only sold them so as to get the money a little sooner. If you will please see to this you will much oblige me.

Yours Truly
C. G. Riddle
(H. Amelia)

Head Quarters Sub. Club of the Off. of the Genl.
Montgomery Ala March 16th 1867

Conyngnam J. P.
To Col. J. S. Bullis
Sub. Ass. Com.
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel

Your letter of the 11th inst. requesting a supply of blank is received. In reply I have the honor to say that they have this day been forwarded to you by Express. I could not send the full number of 50 but 32, not having a sufficient supply on hand. You will please fill up enclosed receipt sign and return the same.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. servt.

J. P. Conyngham
1421 2nd St. S. and A. A. A. G.

Montgomery March 2nd 1867

Moore J. W.
 Secy Col. J. B. Harts
 Huntsville Ala

I wish to propose for your consideration a plan by which I can escape the penalty of the law. As I am not allowed to pay for transportation, such of rations furnished by the United States, I will pay out of the present allowance for Hancock County and replace the amount charged out of a lot of corn now on the way to this county from Louisville, also a lot of State corn at Mount Vernon. Please allow me to do the best I can for those who are most entitled, for I can get a man to turn a wheel on most of the county. Also inform me as to the amount due Hancock.

Very respectfully Yours

J. W. Moore
 Judge Hancock County

Genl Quartermaster Dist of Alabama
 Montgomery Ala March 5th 1867

Winsman C. D.
 Dist. Commr

Huntsville Ala
 Colonel

The Dist. Commr directs that you issue such instructions to the parties entrusted with the issue of the supply of corn to the destitute of this State, as will insure the return of the sacks.

This direction is given with a view of economy, should another purchase be made, as the price per bushel is fifteen cents less where the purchaser provides sacks. You will store the sacks when returned to you subject to orders from this office.

Very Respectfully,

C. D. Winsman
 Dist.

Huntsville March 23rd 1867

Major G. C.
 Secy Col. John S. Harts
 Dear Sir

I am here trying to arrange Maj. S. Harts' cotton matter. There are 44 bales of cotton in all 35 of which was just finished being baled on yesterday and is yet on the plantation where it was produced. I have made arrangement with Maj. S. Harts to have it hauled to Huntsville. I can sell it here in bales and I have written to a Commission House in Memphis through Bureau Agent there to advance and forward me money to pay Sec. Harts and I will ship the cotton to them &c.

I have not been able to see Col. Ashford but have left a note for him that I have got Maj. S. Harts' cotton to be baled &c. &c. if any difficulty Maj. S. is to write me and I will then inform you &c.

Judge McDonald has 125 sacks of corn sent to him by the State of Tennessee by which it is here and I have by his order turned it over to W. S. Green, merchant of this place to be distributed at this place.

I have about 100 sacks of my corn in Huntsville and still hauling, only 300 sacks have arrived and not a pound of meat has yet arrived. I can hear any thing from it.

Col. I have adopted a new way of distributing. I require all to take cash that they are not able to obtain provisions in any other way. I see its good effects. Some who have been drawing are not in any way entitled to it and when I tell them they must be so or they back off and all who can't support in any other way take the cash willingly. But I hope you will advise me if my course in this thing meets with your approbation &c.

Respectfully
 G. C. Green

Gruen Co. Co.

To Samuel J. S. Hallis

Dear Sir,

Moulton March 25th 1867

I see that I am directed by you to make out a report by 25 of each month in relation to the rations &c. I only began a few days ago to distribute, have distributed some 35 sacks corn - am somewhat at a loss as to whether you require me to make out a report for this date, if you require a report of me for my issues from 15th to this day 25th may I beg of you to please send me some blanks to make it out by - there is not a blank here or I should have made out said report altho it would only be for some seven days issuing &c. Mr. Donald tells me he wrote to Col. Bennett for blanks but has not received any.

I called on him Mr. Donald for the sacks you ordered me to call on him for and find that he has but few on hand.

Very Respectfully &c

C. C. Gruen

Office P. O. P. M. V. L. 1867
Secretary March 25th 1867

Sheets Co. Co.

To Sam. John S. Hallis

Monticello Ala.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Garrison Agent for Mounts has asked me to request you to have the Mounts rations stopped at the place - We say this near for him to haul and will save the expense upon the road from here to Monticello - If you will permit it I will stop them and deliver them to him - some of his wagons have been here for rations with orders from him Garrison.

I sent Garrison word I would confer with you upon the subject. And let me hear from you soon upon the matter.

Respectfully &c

C. C. Sheets

P. S. Am I to take charge of the rations for this month or will the Agent appointed by the Judge of Probate still manage the rations - I send orders from you as there seems to be some misunderstanding upon the subject.

C. C. S.

Bucher Edwin

To Col. J. S. Hallis

Monticello Ala.

Montgomery Ala. March 25th 1867

Colonel,

I enclose herewith check 30. on Asst. Treasurer U.S. at New York in favor of H. H. Stance or order for \$35.00 in payment of his account rendered yesterday - Will you oblige by notifying me of its receipt.

Respectfully

Edwin Bucher

Riddle C. C.

To Col. J. S. Hallis

Dear Sir,

Monticello Ala. March 25th 1867

I wrote to you several days ago informing you that that draft had not arrived and requested you to see about it - since then I have received it - you will please inform Mr. Rugg of the fact and oblige.

Yours Truly

C. C. Riddle

Bucher Edwin

To Col. J. S. Hallis

Monticello Ala.

Colonel,

Montgomery Ala. March 25th 1867

This morning I received a letter from C. C. Riddle dated at Tusculum March 1st enclosing vouchers for transportation and directing me to forward the money to you by express.

All charges relating to these expressions are to be paid out of the funds deposited for that purpose in New York - I therefore enclose check \$38.00 on Asst. Treasurer U.S. at New York for \$1171.50 payable to C. C. Riddle or order, which I trust will answer all his purposes.

Please advise me of receipt of this.

Very Respectfully

Edwin Bucher

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala March 23rd 1867

Recd Wm H. H.
To Col. John S. Curtis
Sub Adj. Comd

Monteville Ala
Colonel,

Your telegram relative to
supplies at Tusculum is received.

The adj. Comd directs that you write a full statement of the
amount of supplies received on account of the Bureau, the amount received
on account of the Southern Relief Association, New York City and the
amount of each destroyed or damaged at Tusculum Landing.

You are also requested to telegraph to these Head Quarters the
arrival of additional stores from the association.

It is desirable if possible the damaged com should be issued at
once leaving the goods to be sent into the interior.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm H. H.
Sub Adj. Comd

Monteville March 25th 1867

Sheffield James L.
To Col. Curtis

Sir,

What has become of the rations you
was speaking to me about when I was last in Monteville. There are
a great deal of suffering in this county for the want of food. I am
dying almost out of my life by starving women about some
thing to eat - do have them shipped as soon as possible what are to
become of the poor creatures God only knows. God let me hear
from you.

Yours Respectfully
J. Sheffield

Montgomery Ala March 28th 1867

Recher Edwin
To Col. J. S. Curtis

Monteville Ala.

Sir,

I send with this \$76.00 as in payment of
the voucher of Joseph Simpson. The claim was for \$76.75 but on all sums
over \$1.43 per day before the 1st of March we were required to deduct the tax.
That is the rule of the Treasury Dept. The tax on 13 days the time he worked at
\$3. per day is 70¢ which I deducted from the amount.

Will you please notify me of its receipt.

Respectfully

Edwin Recher

Montgomery Ala March 28th 1867

Recher Edwin
To Col. J. S. Curtis

Sir,

In writing you this morning, I have been
divided by General Swayne to write again in relation to another matter. There
was word came here that the Auditor and Secretary of the A. R. refused to deliver
some freight at Secatur until the charges were paid. Gen. Swayne telegraphed
the Superintendent that the money had been sent which was a mistake. I could
not send without having a voucher for the money. Gen. S. now directs me to
send a check to you for the amount, and requests that you get the vouchers and
pay over the money. The vouchers can be readily made up on form 23
accompanied by the original Bill of Lading with your receipt indorsed on
it, if the goods were shipped to you, or if you prefer it, you can have the
receipts to the vouchers signed by the A. R. Agent and forward to me and I
will have them filled up.

Should it be necessary for you to go to Secatur to arrange this,
send a bill of expenses to me and I will arrangements made here to refund to
you - I inclose check \$6.00 on Adj. Treas. New York for \$58.00 which I
believe is the amount claimed. If that is not the correct amount, please
make up the deficiency, and I will send it to you. Please attend to this
as soon as you can.

Edwin Recher

P. S. Advise me of receipt and send vouchers as soon as completed. I have
dated the check April 1st to carry it beyond the close of this month, as the
A. R. are not here to include in their monthly statement.

Quilshank, H. H.

To Col. John A. Ballis

Gen.

Montgomery Ala March 28th 1867

I have just received from C. Chilwood Agent for Shelby County a very earnest and pressing appeal for immediate relief for the poor of that county. He represents the people as suffering for bread, and the country bankrupt so that they cannot even pay freight bills. Can you not send to their relief?

Emmett Swaine has purchased corn in Atlanta and shipped to Tusculum and Rome. Our losses at Tusculum are heavy at this time; the food was greatly needed and it will take time to replace it.

Will you have the kindness to furnish me with list of names and localities of your agents on the different counties. I am of the reports for last issue of corn and bacon are within at your office or with Judge Deaggs will you have the kindness to get them and enclose to me. Excuse me for troubling with this last request and greatly oblige.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

H. H. Quilshank

Comdr.

Head Quarters District of Alabama

Montgomery Ala March 30th 1867

Conyngnam Lieut. J. P.

To J. A. Ballis

Gen. Ballis

Winterville Ala

The Maj. Genl. and Asst. Comdr.

directs me to inform you that the appropriation for telegraphing is limited and to say that hereafter you will please make your messages as short as possible, and unless on very urgent business the telegraph is not to be used.

Your attention is called to enclosed circular from these

Head Quarters

I am, Sir, very respectfully &c

J. P. Conyngham

1st Lt. 24th Regt. Ala. A. A. R.

St. Kitts, J. P.

To Col. John A. Ballis

Gen. Ballis

St. Kitts, J. P.

I had a conversation a few days since the nature of which I shall tell a Freeman and his wife complain to me that one James Straton of this county had in his possession one of his children a boy about 12 or 13 years old and said Straton refused to deliver said boy up to him on his demand. I saw Mr. Straton. I told him the boy's parents were entitled to their child - he said he had hired the boy from his father - this I found to be untrue - the boy's father came to me again on last Saturday - I gave him an order to Mr. Straton for the boy. I saw Mr. Straton one hour after he had rec'd the order - he appeared very angry but at length agreed to put the boy over the river next day - his father went to the river ready next morning and stayed till in the night. Some time to me to day and complained that Straton will not let the boy cross the river as he promised to do - he gave the boy's father orders not to come about him - the boy's father has a family and has commenced a crop and can't wait along without his boy to assist him as he is a good fellow boy this I think to be true that he has commenced a crop - it looks as though the Devil has turned loose with some people here - since I last saw you I have not had a day rest for several days and would not more than get through with one Williamson either white or black is here with some complaint that some one has hired him and won't pay. I wish to know of you what is best to do in the Straton case as I wish to discharge my duty and it is a very hard matter to get a Civil Officer to act. I have had no trouble in settling disputes between Freedmen and whites till recently and I have settled many. There appears to be a disposition on the part of some to remove the negroes out of his labor and I am determined to give all parties justice so far as possible to reach it - now if I could have a guard of eight or ten good men two or three days till I could force one or two to justice it would save little all difficulty there appears to be some loafing amongst the militia here at present - I hope you will rescue me for being so tedious.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Mitchell

Recd Cavalry Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala April 9th 1867

to H. M. H. H.
to Genl. John S. Davis
Sub Asst. Comd
Head Quarters
Colomb

In reply to your telegram relative to
supplying the Dist of Alabama, the General Commanding directs me to
inform you that 2000 bushels of corn have been purchased to the amount of \$154.40
and shipped by some one to S. C. Scrantom Agency for distribution to
the destitute of Cherokee and some counties.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. M. H. H.
Capt. Lt. Col. Corps
Sub Asst. Comd

Montgomery Ala April 9th 1867

Cavalry Dist of Alabama
to Genl. John S. Davis
Sub Asst. Comd

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of 24th inst. - In which please find a full
blank the remnant of a lot printed for me under Sub. Scrantom
directed on 10th inst. You will observe that they have my name
on them - these are all that we have - will apply this evening to have
others printed and will enclose you the requisite number.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. M. H. H.
State Comd &c.

Mitchell S. J.

To Genl. John S. Davis

Fortthore Ala March 5th 1867

Yours received. I am offered 50¢ per sack
for the corn at this place - that is the best offer I can get and that
is without unloading the sacks - I thought I'd better sell at once for if
it lays where it is any longer neither the corn or sacks will be
worth anything - it is in a pile in the depot and I have no place to
spread it out and it is rotting very fast. I could get a little more
for a few of the outside sacks but if it was sold that way the balance
would not sell at all, consequently I think it would be best to sell it all
together. Please answer.

Yours very respectfully
J. Mitchell

Fortthore Ala April 9th 1867

Surphor James

To Genl. John S. Davis

Edward

I received on Sunday last one car load
of corn of 150 sacks and out of 1000 lbs. of corn the corn is more
or less damaged, some of it very badly so much so that none of it
will do for bread. On yesterday I recd another car load 150
sacks corn which is good and a piece of out of 1000 lbs.

The corn is very greatly in want of corn. The State has some
corn left over from last month and awaits an order to turn
it over. I have recd. no State vouchers to sign, and hardly
know what to do, but as there is some suffering, I concluded to go
ahead, issuing and giving each one some good corn and some bad
as to equalize the loss. I thought it my duty to report this
damaged corn, and most respectfully await any pleasure you
may have in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James Surphor.

Suscomb 21st April 1867

Rugg & Co
 151 N. 3rd St. Phila. Pa.
 Dear Sirs

Sir,

I have the honor in compliance with your request to make the following report of my operations here in connection with the 8000 Corn and Beans shipped to this point by Capt. Arthur for distribution to the destitute of this district.

I have been here since the 3rd of March laboring day and night trying to save the supplies. They were landed at Suscombia landing contrary to your telegraph, but were landing as per Bills of Lading. You know when you were here it was raining incessantly, rivers rising and supplies below high water mark. As per your instructions I employed all the teams available to place the supplies under cover. I used out of money having used the 5000 which you left with me to use in case of emergency, to pay the freight on the supplies, as the clerk of the railroad insisted that the freight must be paid on delivery, and I received the a sufficient amount besides to pay the whole bill for it.

At the same time, the wagons could not work without immediate payment in cash. I was therefore obliged to make a further draw upon my friends for money, pledging my personal and your official credit for payment. So you see that I have labored under many difficulties and embarrassments. You saw clearly when you were here that the loss of the greater part of the shipment of Corn was inevitable, but that something might be saved by an immediate sale of the damaged portion, for hog feed and distiller use. I have got it all out and have shipped some shorts and sacks to you at Huntsville, and something over five hundred sacks to Jackson Co. - This I did for the reason that there was but a very limited sale for it at this point. I have sold nearly four hundred sacks of it here at from 50¢ to 75¢ per sack, and could find purchasers for more. I am glad to learn that you have made a similar disposition of some of the Corn that I shipped to you, as its condition was such that if not immediately sold and consumed somehow, it would soon become wholly worthless. The fact is that nearly all the 2595 sacks of 8000 Corn, as well as the charity Corn sent by the aid society is so much damaged as to be worthless for bread or even horse feed. What was not submerged was made wet through by the rain, in

converting it from the standing to the 1st Sept. - I had no time to wait for a dry day, and did not see it likely even if it had been possible, to employ a competent person to take charge of the work of removal, and consequently have since my arrival here assumed the occupation of the day laborer, lifting sacks and pushing big loads of them out of the river, and in spite of every effort I could use, and all that I could employ - it being raining incessantly. I lost two crabs of bacon, which I had since learned were spoiled by some hundred miles down the river, but I did not learn the names of the parties so picking it up.

The 1st shipment of corn will be almost an entire loss so far as food for man is concerned. The last lot is good for the very good reason that it was landed at the point designated by you, where a shelter could be had in an old wharf boat. It is now all shipped to Decatur Huntsville and Tuscomb as per your orders. I feel that I have done the best I could, and am glad to find that I have the approval of the citizens in the vicinity. But it does seem to me that the elements and everything else conspired to make the 1st shipment a failure.

My friend has been here for some ten days assisting me in the transfer from river to rail.

The expense is heavy but it could not be helped and without it all would have been lost. I earnestly hope in more shipments will be made to Tuscomb, Every consideration of safety and economy seems to dictate that shipments be made to Memphis, and then by rail to the different depots.

I have the honor to be
 Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 D. C. Rugg

Cincinnati Ind. March 27th 1867

Arthur N. C.
To Col. Sug. Genl. John P. Kautts
Sub. Adj. Genl. S. P. Smith U. S.
Cincinnati

I have the honor to request that you forward receipts for the corn and wheat, shipped to your Quarters as soon as possible. I forward enclosed Receipts for the wheat sent by the Steamer Louisa. You will please sign and return the receipts without delay and oblige

Your most obedt servant

H. C. Arthur

Inspector S. P. Smith U. S.

Post Quartermaster's Office
Cincinnati Ky. April 4th 1867

Hammill & Co
To Col. Sug. Genl. John P. Kautts
Cincinnati Ala

General

Reference to the claim in your favor for commutation of quarters and fuel for the month of March 1867, I have the honor to inform you that I am not in funds at present to pay the same.

As soon as funds can be obtained the apt will meet with immediate attention.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

D. C. Hammill

Col. Maj. Asst. Gr. Mds

Cincinnati Ind. May 11th 1867

Genl. J. H. Brambles
To Capt. W. C. Arthur
Cincinnati Ohio

Genl. J. H. Brambles sends the writer (Crawford) a memorandum of 1500 bushels of corn that you desire to purchase for shipment to several points in Ala and informs him he has offered you the corn for delivery on the lower Ohio at 83¢ per bushel. Receipts included. This includes the expenses attending the delivery to Steamboat. We further propose to deliver the corn intended for Tusculum, Decatur and Huntsville, at Tusculum Landing or South Moreau at 80¢ per bushel and the balance at New Orleans at 81¢. We are prepared to commence the delivery at once if you should conclude to give us the order. The corn we propose to deliver is No. 1. White and in new season. For any further information in regard to it or any proposition you may desire to make please address us at Louisville Ky.

Very Respectfully
Capt. J. H. Brambles & Crawford

Montgomery Ala. April 2nd 1867

Arthur N. C.
To Col. Sug. Genl. John P. Kautts
Montgomery Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Brambles & Crawford from whom the corn shipped to Tusculum Landing was purchased. The contract for the delivery of the corn was based upon said letter.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

H. C. Arthur

Special Asst. S. P. Smith U. S.

Bureau of Refugees & Freedmen Office of Education
Montgomery Ala. April 5th 1867

Puckley C. W.
To Col. Rob. John Ballie
Sub. Asst. Comr
Kintsville Ala
Colonel

I have the honor of forwarding
to you by Southern Express Company this day One hundred and twenty
two dollars and thirty five cents (\$122.35) in payment of transportation
of teachers in your District to be divided as follows:

A. W. McCallough	\$37.45	Emma Gill	\$37.45
Matilda Henderson	\$25.90	David Daily	\$23.35
James S. Arnold	\$20.00		

By distributing the above amount you will place me under renewed
obligations for past favors - Exchange on it at rate on Mobile 35 of -

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your obedient servant

C. W. Puckley
Supt. Education & P. & A.

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala. Office Supt. Quartermaster
Bureau of Refugees & Freedmen & Freedmen's Lands Montgomery Ala. April 5th 1867

Mr. Wm. George F.
To Col. J. G. Sub. John S. Ballie
Sub. Asst. Comr. P. & A. & L.
Kintsville Ala.

General,

I have this day forwarded to your
address a supply of G. W. Master Bonds. Hereafter you may be supplied with
bonds by direct requisition of the G. W. General P. & A.

I have the honor to be General
Your obedient servant

Wm. P. Browning
Col. Maj. W. S. Vols and
Chief of W. P. & A. L.
State of Ala

Head Quarters Department of the Interior
Dist. Sub. Asst. Comr. Louisiana City, La. April 7th 1867

Hammell S. C.
To Col. J. S. Ballie
Kintsville Ala
Colonel

Enclosed please find my check 72 on the
U. S. Ex. & Int. Bk. and to your order for Eighty nine and 00/100 dollars
(\$89.00) in payment of your acct from 1st to 31st of May 1867 \$43.75
Less Rec. Tax 4.90

Your account for actual cost of transportation from Kintsville
to Pascumbia and return freight \$11.00 is herewith returned and your
attention invited to the underwritten thereon

I am with very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. C. Hammell

Montgomery Ala. April 8th 1867
Pucker C. W. Supt.
To Col. J. S. Ballie
Kintsville Ala
Colonel

Receipts and you \$157.53
37.83
\$157.36

From this you will please pay the following claims
Your acct for March including back pay \$412.76
Account Current 1114.00
Postage acct & P. & A. - two accts. 2.75
W. A. Army 29.85 \$1559.36

When bills are paid to Rail Roads for transportation, the original bill of
freight must be sent, if there is one - I suppose none was given in the case above
I would prefer also having the bill made out in the name of the Rail Road & not
accepted by the Agent - I wrote you before, that we were compelled to keep our
money on deposit at Mobile - I must either send you the checks on Mobile, or if
I get them discounted here - I have to pay 7 1/2 of one percent discount - In that
case not permitted to charge the Bureau, and either the parties interested must direct me to
pay the discount and deduct it from the amount due them, or I must in future
make payment on the money I send you today - I paid \$8.75 which I have made an
acct of. Please acknowledge it well.

Duscomb, Fla. April 9th 1867

Wm. H. H.

Dr. Col. Brig. Genl. John S. Hall

Sub. Asst. Comd. P. & A. and U. S.

Montgomery, Ala.

Encl.

Col. Rugg informs me of your unwillingness to allow my bill in full for receiving, storing and hauling to this place, the public and contribution corn lately landed at Duscomb Landing, and I now write you to place the facts before you in the true light.

I did not solicit the storage and hauling of the goods and they were landed at my Landing wholly without my knowledge, after which the best I could do was to save as much of it as possible.

With a full understanding of the circumstances and the condition of affairs you employed me to haul the 25 75 sacks of Hook Corn and 479 sacks of contribution corn to Duscomb at twenty cents (20^{cts}) per sack. To accomplish my undertaking I used every faculty which the country afforded, gave my personal attention to the business and did not rest until it was accomplished.

In doing so I incurred considerable expense in money beyond what Col. Rugg has paid me, which ought to be refunded to me and I feel confident that when you think of it you may so conclude.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

W. H. Hance

Office Chief Quartermaster

Montgomery, Ala. March 15th 1867

Brigadier Genl. J. S. Hall

Dr. Col. John S. Hall

Sub. Asst. Comd. P. & A. and U. S.

Montgomery, Ala.

Encl.

Enclosed please find Invoices and blank receipts of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" transferred to you in accordance with instructions of Special Order No. 21, attached. Please return signed receipts at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Geo. J. Downing

Col. Maj. A. S. Holt

A. A. G. M.

Office Chief Quartermaster

Montgomery, Ala. March 26th 1867

Brigadier Genl. J. S. Hall

Dr. Col. John S. Hall

Sub. Asst. Comd. P. & A. and U. S.

Montgomery, Ala.

Encl.

Enclosed please find Invoices and Receipts of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" transferred to you in accordance with accompanying order.

Please return signed receipts at your earliest convenience.

In the issue and expenditure of the above you will be governed by instructions contained in Par. XXIV Art. 2 "Bureau Office Manual" using your own judgment as to the number of yards required for a garment for each woman or child.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Geo. J. Downing

Col. Maj. A. S. Holt

A. A. G. M.

Receivd of Inspector Southern Office Supt. of Education
Montgomery Ala March 15th 1867

Arthur M. Le
To Col. J. S. Ballis
Sub. Asst. Comr.
Huntsville Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith
copies of Circular No. 5, C. S. from Maj. Genl. Howard pertaining to
schools. In the letter of transmittal the following paragraph occurs
"Will you cause these Circulars to be distributed with such special
directions as may be needed on (your) my field - Prompt action
should be had to the requisition made that you may be furnished with
and include in your next report the facts on all the points indicated"
In forwarding the enclosed Circular I have no special directions to
give - I am already indebted to you for very valuable suggestions, and
will leave the whole matter with you. I shall be pleased however to receive
any information from you at any time on the points mentioned in the
Circular.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
C. M. Buckley
Supt. of Education

Recd. Quarters Supt. of Ala
Office Inspector P. R. S. and A. S.
Montgomery Ala. April 8th 1867

Arthur M. Le
To Col. J. S. Ballis
Sub. Asst. Comr. P. R. S. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala

General:
Will you please forward as soon as practicable a statement
of the amount lost or damaged by the floods, of the supplies
forwarded to your care.
I am very respectfully &c
A. M. Arthur
Inspector P. R. S. and A. S.

Receivd from Mr. March 27th 1867

Oliver John
To Col. J. S. Ballis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
I received a communication
from you addressed to John M. Oliver. I have no doubt
name - as there is no person of my name in the County - I suppose I
am the man - I can only say that the Judges took Probate and
Circuit in this County with impartiality toward Freedmen in
every case as far as I know the only effect defect is in Juries.
I can take the test oath but decline the position for the
reason that it would be nominal in this County.
Yours Respectfully
John Oliver

Bucher Edwin
To Col. J. S. Ballis
Huntsville Ala.
Sir:

Montgomery Ala April 11th 1867
I send enclosed \$71⁰⁰ in payment
of the claim of William Sprague and recd in your letter of the
6th inst.
Please advise me of its receipt.
Respectfully
Edwin Bucher

Montgomery, D. C.
To Genl. John Mallis

Dear Sir

We the undersigned citizens of Maryland
to wit, are members of the Union League of America respectfully
request that the present agent for the distribution of rations for
the Col. James C. McPherson who is one of the most corrupt rascals in the
Co. and an enemy of the U.S. Govt. be removed from his position. It
he does not do justice to our people, and John W. Radin be appointed
in his stead.

J. S. Kennington Pres
Robert McDall Secy
No Members S. C.

Montgomery Term April 11th 1867

Attest John
To Genl. John Mallis

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 8th I would
say that I have not yet heard from the claim of Jefferson Matins for
Commulation of rations but expect to hear from him anytime now. You are
probably aware that these claims for Commulation of rations were
presented of war, and are suspended till very recently awaiting decision
of the Attorney Genl. However the matter has been settled and I have
already received checks for two of the 100 which I have turned over to
him and the claims of several others await affidavits of non assignment
from claimants. I send you enclosed a list of these of the 100 should
you be able to ascertain their whereabouts and put them in communication
with me or indeed any of the colored people who have claims in my
hands you would confer a favor on them and me. I find it very
difficult to keep track of them in their frequent migrations or reach
them through the Post Office.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
John O'Neill

(over)

The names of the following members of the 100th U.S.C. Inf. waiting
to hear from them to secure affidavits of non assignment viz of
Company "A" Isaac Thompson, David Smith, Isaac W. Smith, Frank
Johnson, Philip Lister, and Jackson Smith, of Company "B" Richard
Craw James Bean Jackson Sallaway, Robert Gibson, William Thompson,
James A. Thompson, of Company "C" Joshua Stearns, Charles Baker,
Austin Bond, John C. Smith, Moses Smith, Samuel Logan Henry
Dimey, Joseph Smith, Isaac Charles Washington Smith, Samuel W. Smith,
Alfred Tenney. All claims for Commulation of rations

Montgomery Ala March 21st 1867

Major General

To Col. J. Smith

Montgomery Ala

Colonel

I return the Bills of Lading sent me in
last week and which have never before been returned for amendment. now we will
see if we can get them right. There is a warrant from the Chief Clerk of the
Court at Washington, which says that accounts for transportation must be
presented to him for approval by no payment still we will pay this here if
possible. You will readily see that I must have the receipt of the Boat for
the money that I pay, without that I should not be in any good way to get
my accounts settled. We understand that the accounts should be made out like
any other paid by us, say on Form 22 in duplicate, and the receipt signed
by the party to whom the money is due - then it can be paid. The mere possession by
me of the Bills of Lading would be no protection. If you can have them prepared
and signed I will endeavor to have them paid.

Did you get the money I sent you on the 1st? After the 1st of March
\$1000. are exempt from taxation instead of \$500. as heretofore

Respectfully

William Packer

End Quarters, District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala April 13th 1867

Cattle Co. Jr.

Dr. Robt. Higbee, John A. Hallis

Montgomery Ala

Dear Sirs:

Your endorsement on note of C. L. Shauls recommending his appointment as Registrar, elect in the Election District in which he resides has been duly received, and I am directed to say, in reply that the Maj. Genl. Comdg. has learned that Mr. Shauls lately made a speech against negro suffrage. Do you know whether this is true?

Recommendations from you will be respectfully considered and the best that can be well be done for Mr. Shauls.

Very Respectfully

C. Cattle Jr.

Per Supt of Registration

Cincinnati April 11th 1867

Johnson E. M. L.

Dr. Robt. Higbee, John A. Hallis

Dear Sirs:

On my return home on Tuesday of this week I found your letter. I at once presented your check to Mr. C. E. Riddle, procured his endorsement and have sent same to St. L. for payment. Soon as received will remit - I think Steamer left same day with kind regards to Robt. Rugg and all the other Rebels I remain

Truly

E. M. L. Johnson
of Messrs. Webb & Co.

The Supt. Bureau of Negro Freedmen, ex. Agent Genl. Bonds
Washington March 23rd 1867

Kit. Hum. A. ?

Edw. Chapman (stord) states that he has recently visited Memphis and Kansas and makes the following report with reference to the manner in which the colored people are treated by their white employers in that section of the country.

In Memphis he says it is the habit for white men to employ colored laborers by the month or week, and at the expiration of that period to drive them off and refuse to pay them. They then go to Bureau Offices he says for relief and get none, such officials asserting that they have nothing to do with such matters and will not have - In some the case of Ben Lucas employed by a Mr. Pace.

At Steensville Ala a man named Mr. Lucas worked for a man named Mr. Pace (some man having farm in that county). Bureau contract provided that Pace should pay him \$10. per month at the end of the year. he refused to pay him and turned him off. Lucas declared he had lost his money with Bureau Officer at Steensville and showed what purported to be a receipt, but such officer denied the statement, and said he had no such money. Many cases similar to this are occurring in that neighborhood.

At Chattanooga the people stated that they could not get their money same general difficulties as at Steensville. Employers declared they had left their money with Bureau officers, and said officers denied it. If any difficulty with white man if they asked him to pay them their dues white man would often jump upon them, and if they resisted him they were then arrested and imprisoned and fined - If not able to pay fines were put at hard work etc. Money could be drawn from Bureau Offices - Chapman lives in Alexandria Va.

Sub. B. 132.

Recher Edwin
To Col. J. P. Ballis
Winterville Ala.
Genl.

Montgomery Ala April 15th 1867

I enclose herewith check No. 47, on Aut.
Treas. N.Y. for \$354.70 in your favor making with the balance \$5.20
on former check No. 36, \$359.90 This is in payment of the following bills
recd. with your letter of the 10th inst. viz.

W. S. Fleming	\$149.74
J. A. Donnelly	99.87
W. H. Phelps	60.00

\$359.61

The \$149.74 paid to Ball and should not be included in the voucher to the
A. A. Co. Will you please procure a voucher in usual form approved by
you and receipted by Ball, for the amount and forward to me.

I regret exceedingly that the money was paid to the A. A. Co. without
the voucher or accounting for the loss of the original Bills of Lading.

They have not been recd. here. Two Bills of Lading were issued for the same
transported - One dated Cincinnati Feb. 15. No. 1378, for 2557 Bags of Corn and
one dated Feb. 26th for 212 sacks. These duplicates of these Bills were sent
here to Capt. Arthur. It is the practice generally (and I presume was in
this case) to deliver the original Bill to the transportation Co. and the promise
in it is that freight shall be paid only on it - That must now be in
the hands of some of the A. A. Agents - we have no right to pay without it.
The Department at Washington refuse to allow transportation accounts
unless accompanied by the original Bill of Lading. Unless we can hunt
it up or account for its loss the account will certainly be stopped
against me - It is possible it may be in the office of the Capt. at Nashville.
Cannot you inquire, through the Agent to whom you paid the money
and see if anything can be found of it. Please attend to it as soon as
practicable and write me at once, as I want it straightened up before the
close of the month. Make out your account for expenses to Secretary
on form 11, and forward to me and I will have the necessary order
made to cover it.

Respectfully
Edwin Recher

Office Bureau Agency A. A. and A. S.
Albany Ala April 17th 1867

Sanford James
To Genl. John P. Ballis
Commissioning
General

I have the honor to make
respectfully report that on yesterday I investigated and adjusted the
affair between Edmund Harris and A. M. O'Brien, and the result
was a satisfactory settlement - O'Brien recd. his note for Bal
due which he promises to redeem very soon.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. servant
Sanford

Recd. recpt. Bureau A. A. & A. S.

Claim No. 13 as against A. A. Co. April 10, 1867

Genl. James S. Ballis

Genl. Bureau & Co.

Winterville Ala

General

I am directed by Maj. Genl. O. O.
Howard, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers
in the claims for bounty & pay of the following named
discharged soldiers.

Moses B. Oley	"F" Co 17 th Regt	negot
Richard Wilkes	"C" " 12 th "	"

Very Respectfully
your obedient
servant
A. S. Powell
and adjt Genl.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office of J. M. Bureau, 1st Regt. Infantry and U.S.
Montgomery Ala. April 23rd 1867

Browning Maj Geo. J.
To Col. Brig. Genl. John S. Callis

Huntsville Ala.
General

Your return of J. M. Store
to the 8th of September and "Stores pertaining to Bureau" for the month of
March 1867 have been received at this office. Your attention is
respectfully invited to Art. 2nd Sec. II, Office Manual Circular
No. 7, dated May Sept. 8th 1867 and U.S. Magazine March 9th 1867
and to Circular No. 5, dated 8th Oct. 1867 of this Montgomery Ala.
March 11th 1867, relative to the rendition of returns.

By Order of

Maj. Genl. Major George

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Geo. J. Browning
Col. Maj. & J. M.
1st Regt. & U.S. 1st of Ala.

Mrs Mary Jane Gayle

To 13th 13th Brig. Genl. Mrs. B. Callis.

General Mrs. B. Callis You
will please send my money to me by W. B. Jones
One hundred dollar which I suppose is left with
You. As I am not able to come to Huntsville now.
And this shall be your receipt for the same.

Mrs Mary Jane Gayle

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office of J. M. Bureau 1st Regt. Infantry and U.S.
Montgomery Ala. April 24th 1867

Browning Maj Geo. J.

To Col. Brig. Genl. John S. Callis

Sub. Art. Com. 1st Regt. and U.S.

Huntsville Ala.

General

Your quarterly statements & bills are returned for correction
of the following inaccuracies to wit:

Statement marked "A" should be "B" Statement marked "C"
should be "A" vide Circular No. 2, War Dept. 1st Regt. and U.S. 1866
The articles of stationery which are classed as "Stores pertaining to
Bureau" need by you March 24th 1867, do not appear on your
statement "C" as required. The articles purchased by you during the
last quarter and paid for by Col. Becker do not appear on your state-
ment marked "C" as required.

By order of

Maj. Genl. Major George

Geo. J. Browning

Col. Maj. & J. M.

Huntsville Ala. April 20th 1867

Hyde W. H.

To Col. Brig. Genl. John S. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find my
Report of receipts and issues of supplies to the destitute of Winston Co.
for the month of April. All is quiet in Winston - no trouble as
yet has taken place between the whites and freedmen of this County.
The freedmen are quiet and submissive to the law and are using
all necessary industry possible to live &c.

Very respectfully &c

W. H. Hyde

Montgomery Ala April 25th 1867

Recher, Edw.
To Col. J. D. Hallis

Monteville Ala
Sir,

Under recent orders recd. from Washington, General Buayne is doubtful of our right to pay the transportation vouchers of Capt Johnson without its being first adjusted at Washington. He therefore directed me to forward all the papers to Washington for consideration. We expect a decision soon, and when recd. I will advise you.

Respectfully
Edw. Recher

Monteville Ala April 26th 1867

Sheffield, J. L.
To Col. Hallis

Sir,

I enclose to you a report on Monday last of the supplies I had on hand - have issued since - I enclose also to you my report of the same which I hope is in proper order.

I have on hand some twenty sacks of spoiled corn not fit for use - what shall I do with this? use it or sell for what it will bring and buy good corn - those needing the corn must have no stock to feed the spoiled corn to - I will do what you may direct in the matter.

Your obdt servant
J. L. Sheffield

Read Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala April 16th 1867

Buayne, Major

To Col. Maj Gen L. Thomas
Adjutant Genl. U. S. Army

Washington D. C.

General:

The official notice of the appointment of Col. John A. Hallis (who is now acting as sub-adj. com. of the Provisional Bureau at Monteville Ala) to be Capt in the 45th U. S. Infantry was received and forwarded to him yesterday.

I have the honor to request that as the mails are very uncertain between here and Monteville and slow between that place and Washington, the time in which Col. Hallis should signify his acceptance of the appointment may be extended at least ten days as I fear that the regular time will not be sufficient for him to get his answer to your hands.

I am General

Sd. & Co. 13th

Very respectfully
Your obdt servant
Major Buayne
Maj. Genl.

Montgomery Ala April 27th 1867

Recher, Edw.

To Col. J. D. Hallis

Monteville Ala

Colonel

Your letter of March 2nd in relation to my imputing to you making false certificates was duly recd and would have been answered promptly, but I was so busy that I had no time to spare except as compelled by the necessity of business. I certainly was very much surprised that you could so misunderstand my letter. I have again carefully read my letter to you and cannot see that it admits of such a construction - most surely such was not intended - the fault from it possible. The account was defective as you could not help to see on a slight examination - I think yet as I thought then that two journeys could not be performed and paid for under the one order - I have frequently thought that you have to perform journey for which no bills are presented, and in this case I had thought that the bill was too large for one journey. The only meaning of my

suggestion about making up the account in form 20 as to cover the proper expenses was to make it up in such shape as to remove the objections I thought existed but was not intended to include in the least the amount.

Further the amount claimed was less than one half of the actual when, as you state, I have no means of knowing nor am I disposed to question it.

Seeing I might have received language less liable to misconstruction and perhaps not inclined to do so, but in the hurry of business I cannot always take time to weigh my words, but duty to myself as well as others requires that I should seek to remove any false impression which I may inadvertently have produced.

Respectfully,

Wm. P. Parker

Read Quarters Sub-dist. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala April 30th 1867

Brigadier General J.

Deputy Chief of Staff

Sub Dist. Comd. Knoxville Ala

General

Your Return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" for March 1867, has been examined at this office and is returned for correction of the following irregularities to wit:

The form return should be made on form 29 Army Reg. the words "Q. M. Stores" occurring thereon, should be erased and the words "Stores pertaining to Bureau" substituted in their stead, the number of the form should be changed to 15 as per "Officers Manual".

Abstract of Purchases.

This Abstract should be made the form 24 Army Reg. being used for that purpose, for vouchers to this abstract form 25 Army Reg. should be used. This voucher should be a correct copy of the one given to the party from whom the articles were purchased. A copy of the order from the Asst. Commissioner authorizing the purchases must be attached to vouchers to this abstract.

Abstract of Fuel.

This abstract must be made when fuel is expended. For vouchers see form 29 Army Regulations (all forms 23 manual) this voucher is made by you on yourself, or may be made by an A. A. Surg. in charge of a Hospital on you - For allowances see Art. 66 Art. 2 Officers Manual.

Abstract of Stationery

This abstract must be made when stationery is expended, for vouchers see form 38 Army Reg. The receipt of the voucher must be signed by you and the articles of stationery expended, entered therein as has my been directed by yourself - When your expenditures exceed the allowance authorized by the Bureau Officers Manual, a statement of the facts rendering such extra amounts necessary must be made on the voucher.

Abstract of

This abstract contemplates the expenditure of articles other than Fuel, Forage and Stationery for vouchers see forms 42, 43 & 44 Army Reg. and similar forms in Officers Manual.

In all cases the number of the Q. M. Stores used must be altered to accord with those prescribed by the Bureau Officers Manual. Vouchers to Abstracts of Fuel, Forage and Stationery require the approval of the Asst. Commissioner. They should be forwarded to this office in duplicate, after approval, one copy will be forwarded with your return, and the other returned to you for file with your return papers. One copy of each of your returns is required for file in this office.

By Order of

Major General Swayne

Very Respectfully,

Geo. F. Downing

At Major & Asst. M.

Office of Adjutant General

Montgomery Ala May 5th 1867

General A.

Deputy Chief of Staff

According to orders I herewith enclose a tabular statement showing the names and number of all such individuals as have received rations at my hands.

In respect to the school of the Freedmen, I beg leave to inform your Excellency that it is in a most flourishing condition, as I know from personal inspection. The teacher Mr. Manning (colored) will make a report of his school to your Excellency which I trust will give you satisfaction. Waiting for your further order.

I have the honor to sign myself your obedient servant

G. A. Tinge

Montgomery County Ala
April 25 1867

Oliver C. C.
To Genl. John S. Hallis
Dear Genl.

You will please find below statement of number of corn sacks received by me as agent of these rents and also the number of sacks loaded and shipped to you - I recd 278 sacks I have put up 14 packages of sacks, putting 14 in one making 20 in each package making up all 292 sacks they are ready up with a card sewed on each package directed to Genl. John S. Hallis Huntsville Ala by O.C. which I hope may reach you in safety in good time.

I did not issue my receipt until after the 20th of April but it is all gone now, you will see by my report that I had on date of report 120 bushels corn on hand, it is all gone now but 10 or 20 sacks bushels and it is rotten and no one will take it, and in fact the whole 298 sacks were badly damaged when it came to hand many persons that drew it loaded it off giving two bushels for one of sound corn the people are now suffering badly - You will see by my report that only 43 colored persons have drawn rations; all have drawn who made application and the reason why no more made application is that they are nearly all cropping with white men who furnish them and family with rations

Respectfully
O. C. C.

Huntsville Alabama
May 5th 1867

Mustin Huntwell
To William Smith
M. C. S. A.
Louisville Ky
Sir

I enclose herewith certificate of \$295.89 in my favor for \$230.50 for bounty under acts of Congress July 20th 1861, and July 28th 1866, and fully from Aug. 1st 1863, to Dec. 31st 1863.

You will please forward the amount to me at Huntsville Ala. by Express in care of Col. Aug. Genl. John S. Hallis Sub. Comm. B. A. and A. S. at Huntsville Ala.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the certificate.
Witness
James
John Jones
Huntwell & Mustin

Recd. Qrs. Spt of the Cumberland Sub. Bureau Office
Louisville Ky. May 6th 1867

Hammell St. Col. B. S.
To Col. Aug. Genl. John S. Hallis
Huntsville Ala.
General

I have the honor to enclose herewith my check \$200.70 on the U. S. Depository of this city and to your order for \$89.77 in payment of your Corn tax for quarters and fuel for the month of April 1867 amt \$94.50

See Tax

\$89.77
100

Please acknowledge the receipt of inclosure
Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. C. Hammell

St. Col. B. S. at Huntsville

Chief Quarter District of Alabama Office
Chief Quartermaster Bureau (Refugees) Mobile Ala
Montgomery Alabama May 8th 1867

Emerging Maj. George S.

To Col. Brig. Gen. John A. Kautz

Sub. Asst. Commissioner

Montgomery Ala

General

Your Claims C. & E. Equipage Q. M. Sept 1st 1867
are returned for correction of the following irregularities to wit:

The Uniform and Cotton Cloth received from me must be returned on your return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" under the head of Clothing, as the same is Bureau Property purchased with funds of the Bureau.

On your Receipt Rolls No 50, the Certificate as per Sub. Asst. Com. copy is required. These rolls require approval by the sub. Commissioner. They will hereafter be gathered with such other papers as require approval, be forwarded to this office in duplicate, after approved one copy will be forwarded with your return and the other returned for file with your return papers. All papers pertaining to the Bureau Q. M. Dept. will be forwarded to this office. This return must be in quadruplicate.

By Order of

Maj. Gen. Meyer Dwayne

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Geo. S. Brogging

At Major of Q. M.

B. A. F. and A. S.

Recher Deluzin

To Sub. J. A. Kautz

Sub. Asst. Com.

Montgomery Ala

Gen.

Montgomery Ala May 8th 1867

I enclose herewith checks in payment of vouchers for April on the 5th at Mobile as follows.

No 46 in your favor \$205 ⁰⁰	No 522 in favor of M. & C. Pallen for
" 520 " favor of C. C. C. for \$100 ⁰⁰	" 523 " of S. D. P. for \$99 ⁰⁰
" 521 " " " " " " " " " " "	" 524 " " " " " " " " " "

The last check is for payment of the following items	
Hospital Roll \$56 ⁰⁰	Your Postage acct. \$8 ⁰⁰
David Jones 6 ⁰⁰	Jackson Matthews 9 ⁰⁰

Some objections as to the other vouchers which require correction and as I intend visiting you next week, to include to return them, until then rather than to send by mail. I have disliked sending you checks on Mobile as I feared it was too far out of your way to answer your purpose; but as I wrote you twice before, we are compelled to keep our money there and I can only pay in checks. We have an arrangement here with one of our Banks by which we get them cashed at one percent of one per cent discount. I do this and send the money to the parties less the discount when the parties to whom it is going direct me to do so, but not otherwise.

Check No. 524 you will have to dispose of on the best terms you can, and require each one interested to bear his share of the discount.

Respectfully

Edwin Recher

Read Quantities Abstract of the Office of Q. M.
Bureau of Supplies and Ordnance
Hunt County Ala. May 10th 1867

Enclosed May 10th 1867
To Sub. Brig. Gen. M. C. Butler
Sub. Asst. Commr.

Huntsville Ala.

General:

Your Return of Q. M. Stores, Q. M. Dept. for April 1867 have been examined at this office and are returned to you for correction of the following inaccuracies to wit:

The Invoice of Stationery received from me does not belong on this return; it is "Stores pertaining to Bureau" and must be borne on that return. Voucher of 1 April 67 does not appear. It is requisite that one copy of this voucher should accompany this abstract. Stationery cannot be expended on abstract "B" it must be expended on abstract "B" form of Army Regulations; It is thought that this expenditure is too large.

By Order of

May. Gen. Wagon Swaine

Very Respectfully

Yours obedient servant

Geo. F. Drayton

Asst. Maj. & Q. M.
Bureau of A. & S.

Office Sub. Asst. Commr. B. L. F. & A. S.
Huntsville Ala. May 10th 1867

Meigs Maj. Gen. M. C.
Quartermaster Gen.

Office Agent Hunt County Ala
May 10th 1867

Jarrison M. C.

To Gen. John C. Butler

General:

I have signed the pay Rolls you sent me, and sent them to you, you will please let me know if I will have to come to Huntsville or to Sedalia after my pay. I am not willing to trust it by mail, also let me know if anyone has been appointed Civil Agent Rights Commissioner for my county as I have not yet heard of any one being appointed; and please send me more corn and bacon next time as Hunt Co. is very poor and perhaps the largest county on your Dist. Do not is as large as Morgan and Winston both or nearly so; and Morgan could support himself if he would do that they should. I find the condition of the poor here worse this year than last - of any difference without help so we will have to starve without a doubt.

Yours truly
W. C. Jarrison

Huntsville Ky May 10th 1867

Smith William

To Huntsville Mustin

Care of Sub. Brig. Gen. John C. Butler

Sub. Asst. Commr. B. L. F. & A. S.

Huntsville Ala.

find my A. on Louisville Dep. for furnished and duty two and 50 Dollars (\$232.50) in full for certificate No 295,869 this day received

Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Smith

Paymaster A. & S.

Montgomery Ala May 15th 1867

Respectfully
To Col. J. B. Hallis
Huntsville Ala

I enclose check \$2581 on Mobile

for \$424.11 in payment of the following claims viz-

Your expenses four vouchers	134
H. J. Murray	5.35
Rison and Strick	2.25
David Bradford	12.
L. C. Rugg	28.

Receipt Roll part payment 342.51 \$424.11

There is still due on the receipt rolls \$333.36 which if approved by Genl. Wayne I will immediately send the money

Respectfully
Allen Pucher

Adj. Qu. Dir. of Ala. Office A. C. S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala. May 16th 1867

Arthur C. M.
To Col. B. G. Smith John B. Hallis
But West. Comr
Huntsville Ala

directs that you forward to this office a detailed statement on form 35 Office Manual A. C. S. and A. S. of your sales of damaged Com. within your district

I am very respectfully
Your obdt servant
A. C. S. Bureau

Barber, Allen S.
Lancaster Wis
To General Jas B. Hallis

General Hallis
Huntsville
Ala.

Lancaster Wisconsin
May 14th 1867

Sir

I desire to aid
if you can aid me in the matter of obtaining
a pension for Caroline Sheppard widow of Charles
Sheppard, Chas. S. was a private Co "K" 50th Regt Ala Inf
And died at Vicksburg Miss or or about day of Sept
1865. of Chronic Diarrhoea & Dropsy This Co was commanded
by Capt Vincenz "or Capt Vinton I don't know which is the
Name" I want to obtain proof of his death. Official -
And what disease &c. He died in Hospital. the only
proof of his death two endorsements on a letter written
by me for the wife of said Soldier - returned on record dead
And a letter written by a Soldier after the discharge of the Regt.
stating facts of his death And that Charles just before
his death placed in the hands of the Capt. 100 - and a
check to be sent to his wife.

Now if you can afford me
or let the name of some Officer of the Regt. or Surgeon or
Chaplain of the Regt. so that I may get proof of death
&c You will confer a great favour on a needy
family.

Respy Yours
Allen Barber

Chattanooga May 2nd 1867

Landrum J. A.
To Genl. J. A. Ballis
Kentville

General

Enclosed please find duplicate bill
Sading of freight consigned and delivered to you by Capt. J. K. Top
Capt. Steinar Kasaca, who informs me of having telegraphed you from
Nashville Tenn. to know if you had received the money on the vouchers
from Washington City. Your reply was "no freight ready" from which
he concluded you had misunderstood his telegram or that he had
failed to express himself plainly enough to be understood.

We are very much in need of funds at present and would
greatly appreciate the fact if you could possibly remit the money for
which by return mail with much faith & fraternality

I am respectfully &c

P. C. Landrum a/c

P. S. If you enclose check you can either make it payable to me
or to Capt. J. K. Top.

P. C. Landrum

Athens May 2nd 1867

Bingham J. A.
To Genl. J. A. Ballis
Genl.

This letter will be handed you by Theodore
Loonis a colored man, who is teaching school in this county some fourteen
miles from here. He is also the bearer of an affidavit made by him which
will explain to you the object of his visit to you. From all I learn the
colored people in the neighborhood are not much better off than when slaves.
Many of them complain to me that they are working for \$1.00 a week
without any written contracts and they can get on showing that will bind them
to the performance of their part. As an evidence of the way in which they do
business I have directed Mr. Loonis to show you a bill for tuition of the
employees of the Vassar farm with no obligation whatever on the part
of \$1.00 to pay notwithstanding the laborers will be charged up with
the amt of \$1.00. The colored people many of them come to me and

complain that they have not been paid for their last year's labor, and
I have no doubt such is the fact - would it not be well for the Commissioner
of Education to issue an order that no crop should be removed from the
plantation until the wages of the employees are received. As regard to the attendance
of colored people upon political meetings, there is a combination among the rebel
element to prevent it if they can. Genl. Sheridan has issued a very wholesome
order in this respect, which you probably have seen. It is important that
some military force be sent into this end of the State. Genl. Swayne thinks that
the loyal element under the lead of loyal civil agents is amply sufficient
for protection. That would be true if we had loyal civil officers, but there is
not a loyal State officer in Louisiana. I hope one or two
remover them of rebels and put in men in sympathy with the old slave
dynasty and the rebellion and the Union men can hold their own and
organize in the interest of loyalty.

Truly &c

J. H. Bingham

Stylus (Malam) }
Limestone County } usually appeared before me Judge Sanders
acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid
Theodore Loonis who upon oath deposes and says, that the colored citizens
of that part of Limestone County known as the part lying between Elk and
Tennessee River, appointed a political meeting, notice of which was given
on the 25th of April last to be held on Saturday the 2nd of May inst. for
the purpose of organizing a Union League, and for the purpose of giving instruction
and information among the colored people to prepare them the exercise of their
duties of Citizenship. That several Union white men, as Capt. S. B. Bingham,
Rev. Benjamin Leitch, Rev. J. B. Harris and others have been invited to
attend and aid in the organization of our Council and to our people
useful instruction. That further says that on yesterday 2nd inst. one S. M.
Kimmer who is the occupant of the land upon which the meeting is proposed
to be held notified this day and Peter Williams that said meeting should not
be held at the time and place appointed, saying that if Bingham or any other
man came there to make a speech or organize a league (except a Union League)
they will meet up with trouble, as I expect to burn powder unless they bring
more bayonets with them than I expect they can get.

Says rent says further that Mr. Williams asked him to put his
declarations upon paper which he refused to do - That further says
that he has understood from reliable sources of information that he

(over)

Armistice has threatened to discharge from his employ every one all persons who should attend political meeting or who should join Common Leagues

That said Armistice contracts the labor of upwards of one hundred miles with whom this department is informed he has made no written contract with one exception this department further says that the house in which the proposed meeting was to be held, was built by the colored people in the neighborhood for the purpose of a school and other public purposes and further this department might not.

(Signed) Theodore Coates

I do hereby subscribe to this 22nd day of May 1867 before me

(Signed) J. Sanders J. O.

Office Bureau Agency R. F. and J. L. S.
Athens Ala May 23rd 1867

Samford James
To Genl. John S. Kaffie
Emual

I recd a letter from you dated 10th inst. saying you had directed C. L. Sheets of "Canton" to ship me (116) one hundred and sixteen sacks public corn. I waited on it for one week and not receiving it, I wrote to him on the subject. Not answering my letter I went over there yesterday. I have the honor to respectfully report that I found no corn, and could get no satisfaction in regard to it. Through the kindness of Capt. David, I succeeded in borrowing about two hundred bushels about 1st of May, which afforded great relief up to the present time, but now we are entirely out, and I am called on daily for assistance.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Samford James

Columbia Ala May 18th 1867

My dear Sir
To Maj. Genl. H. Swayne
Commanding Ala
Montgomery Ala
Dear Sir

The colored people of this city have had a church here for 20 or 25 years known as the Methodist church south. Since the free the church has divided, a portion forming the Northern church, myself and about 60 others holding on to the old organization. We agreed to worship in the same building but latterly the seceded members are claiming the use of the church for political and social purposes, which we of the old church object to. This has given rise to some disputes and ill feeling between some of the members of the two churches. You will confer a favor on us by giving your views on this subject. We will be satisfied with your decision. Please answer.

Very respectfully &c
King Sycam
Recording Stuart

Westerly Side County, Tennessee
April 25th 1867

Wilson, Charles
To General Ireland
Dear Sir

The undersigned would most respectfully represent that she is a resident of Sikee Co, Tenn, and has been for three years last past; and that at the time of the late General Hood's raid into Tenn, she was residing at a corral for contractors near this place, that some guerrillas came to said Corral and carried away her little son then six years old, and left him at the house of Capt. or Russell Stennett a white man who resides near Rodgenville in Sumner County State of Alabama, and made a present of said boy to a Miss Sally Stennett who is a daughter of said Capt Stennett. That said Sally Stennett afterward married James Hunter, who resides in the same neighborhood. That she has been frequently told that her child was at the house of one or the other of said parties and often changed back and forth, to avoid the possibility of my procuring my child - a few weeks ago I went to the house of James Hunter seeking after the child, but found that I was proceeded by a colored girl, who

look on the road there, while I was making inquiry as to the road, and that my child was secreted in the mean time.

Mr James Hunter told me that I would get my child by going to Mr Stennett. But when I went there, Stennett's family denied knowing anything about him - and I found I had been unable to Stennett only to enable Mr Hunter to more effectually hide him. I have frequently heard through parties who knew my child, that he is held by said Stennett and Hunter as a slave under the impression that slavery will be restored. Neither myself or child ever belonged to either of said parties, nor were we ever acquainted with them.

I would respectfully ask that my child Billy Nelson be taken from said Stennett and Hunter and returned to me.

(Signed) Clara Nelson

Dear Sir,

I have inquired into the statement as made by Clara Nelson and have no doubt of its truthfulness.

Thos J. Harrison

Lester April 28th 1867

Bridgeport, Ala.
May 7 1867.

R. G. Day

To Brly Gen Swayne.

Sir:

In 1865 when Col Prince Lucas Commanded the Post at Bridgeport A. D. Nembree a Citizen killed a negro and ran away, after being absent a short time. He returned but did not show himself openly, venturing out at night time only. Immediately after A. D. Nembree's return his brother B. D. Nembree was frequently seen riding a fine horse which his brother A. D. Nembree had stolen from a gentleman by the name of Workman who resides in East Tenn. Mr Workman pursued his horse & found him in possession of B. D. Nembree also. Captured an accomplice of A. D. Nembree

by the name of Jones. A. D. Nembree escaped and went to Arkansas. The Grand Jury at Bellefonte Ala. found true bills against A. D. Nembree & B. D. Nembree in both cases - Horse Stealing & Negro Killing - The Deputy Sheriff S. N. G. Cart has had the warrants for A. D. Nembree arrest in possession for the past six months and yet has never made any attempt to apprehend him. They meet each other frequently drink at the same bar & in fact the deputy has heard to say that Nembree killed a nigger & that it was a damn good thing. The name of the negro that A. D. Nembree killed is Frank Pearson, he was a married man & lived near Carpenter Switch, on Long Island 2 1/2 miles from Bridgeport Ala. on the M & C. R. R. A. D. Nembree lives within 1/4 of a mile of the same place. A. D. Nembree is now at home drinking and Carousing about on or about the 1st of May he whipped a young man with a large stick in Bridgeport. The Deputy was there when the whipping occurred, but took no notice of it. If you wish to bring him to justice you must proceed carefully for he has escaped quite often. If you desire any further information I refer you without their knowledge however to D. H. Stroup, late Lieut Ball B. 1st O. V. V. L. A. who resides in Bridgeport or to D. L. Hunt, late of 7th Ohio who resides in Bridgeport.

Respectfully

R. G. Day, Late Lieut
Ball "B." 1st O. V. V. L. A.

Stevenson. Ala May 6th 1867

Cargile James.
To Hon Pope
(Governor).

Dear Sir:

We would be very glad if you would remove Squire Ragdale out of Office in the Stevenson District and appoint P. W. Graham Justice in his place. and now I will give you our reason for making this request in the first place he is not a fit Subject for Justice, now I will tell you what he has done in the first place he was the first man that raised a Company of Rebels in Stevenson in the next place after he was put in Office during the stay of the Federal Soldiers at Stevenson there was a man owed a negro and would not pay him. the military Officer sold his property and paid the debt and a mighty good loyal man bought a Cow and calf for 31 dollars. after the Soldiers left here Squire Ragdale sent the Bailiff and taken the Cow from the man that bought it and gave it up to the rebel that would not pay his debts. another there was a judgement and an execution against one of his brother rebels. was turned over to him the amount of 40 dollars due a poor Deaf and Dumb boy. he has been ordered time after time to push it and would not and now the money cant be made so the poor old man lost his 31 dollars by being a loyal man and the poor boy lost his 40 dollars by being a loyal Deaf and Dumb. This Mr. P. W. Graham that we request you to appoint justice is Postmaster in Stevenson a very good man always there. a good loyal Northern man. Remember. Ever when I say so I don't mean Rebels at all.

I just meant the loyal in and around Stevenson which is not a great many now it is possible you would like to hear my name well Sir I am not ashamed of it my name is James Cargile I live one and a half miles north East of Stevenson and has all the time.

Hoping to hear from you soon I will close
Yours Truly
James Cargile

Duscumbia Ala, April 24th 1867

Nolly Harris
To her Mother

Dear Mother

This leaves me and family well in Duscumbia without means. I left Greenville Ala Monday night; got here Tuesday night and am now without means. I wish you to write to me what is best for us to do. My husband and five children are with me, and we are at a loss to know what to do as we are out of money - we have paid out \$75, and are only 260 miles from where we started. You must answer this immediately as we are in a bad fix - we are so bothered we thought we would dispatch but we have not money - I am very much troubled we are out of doors and have no where for us and my children - answer this immediately. Mother you must not think hard of us for starting - we knew we had not means but we thought we would go as far as we could - we are in Duscumbia on the Memphis and Charleston road. Duscumbia in Colbert Co Ala. I hope your praying breath may not be spent miss. Mary wrote for me to come and leave my husband and oldest son - I could not get along without them - I would have lost everything - if my husband had received his pay we would have had plenty to have carried us through but he could wait no longer, so we started hoping we will get through - answer this immediately - direct your letter to Joe Harris Duscumbia, Colbert County Ala. Myself and husband and our love.

Nolly Harris
Joe Harris

Apr 24 1867

Washington D. C. May 3rd 1867

W. H. Bates Jr.
To Genl. A. H. Cogswell
U. S. A. Emb. S. A. and A. S.
Dist. of Columbia

Sir-

I have the honor to request transportation for the following named freed people from Tuscombica Ala to Washington D. C. where work has been secured for them. These people are unable to find employment in this vicinity and cannot be proper industry and exertion avoid destitution suffering or dependence.

Mice Nelson who lives on Mass Ave between 12 & 13 streets Wash. D. C. and who is the mother of Sally Harris, states that she is receiving \$25. per month that her son has also received good wages, that they are abundantly able and perfectly willing to provide homes for Joseph Harris wife and children, who are in very destitute circumstances at Tuscombica, if the Government furnishes transportation to this City. The attention of the A. C. is invited to an accompanying letter.

Respectfully

Your Obedt servant

W. H. Bates Jr.

Capt 35th W. F. I. (M)

Loc Left R. F. S. C.

Evansville Ind February 23rd 1867

Arthur H. C.
To Genl. Bates
Capt. A. H. and A. S.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir-

Know that you will find invoices and Receipts for stores sent to you by St. At. Hamilton to Tuscombica being unable to make contract for delivery at destination, I have made arrangements to forward the balance of corn to Tuscombica for Secatur and Huntsville. The Steamboat will leave here early next week. You may expect it at Tuscombica within ten days from date.

Please sign receipts and forward to me at Montgomery.

Very Respectfully &c

W. H. Bates

Special Agent

Office Bureau Agency R. I. A. L.
Athens Ala May 23. 1867.

Danforth. D.

To Maj. Geo. Jones.

Asst. Comm. &c

Major: Thinking perhaps Genl. Callis might be absent I address you a few lines. The bearer Nany Woodruff complains of assault and Battery and cruel treatment at the hands of Mr. Natus and Tom Nusey the agents of her Employer. Mr. Nays Esq. whom has no approved Contract with any of his hands. I know of no Loyal Court before whom he could sue for assault and get justice and in the event he did sue the parties are supposed to be irresponsible. Hence I refer the case. I have no orders to try Criminal Cases. All I can do is to make his Employer pay him his wages and authorize him to employ with other parties. He can make his own statements to you and I await further orders in the premises.

Very Respectfully

D. Danforth

Agt &c &c.

Recher, Edwin
To Genl. J. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Montgomery Ala. May 23rd 1867

I enclose \$332.50 less discount of
1/4 of one one percent 80¢ net balance \$332.50 the amount due on
your bill to the right agents.
General Sawyer returned this morning and leaves again to night
for Mobile

Respectfully
Edwin Recher

War Department
Bureau R. P. and A. Sands
Claim Division
Washington May 15th 1867.

Powder Wm
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Gen:

I am directed by Major General O. O.
Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt
this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case
of the following named discharged Soldiers: William
Mason "C" Co 106 Regt U. S. C. D.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant
Wm Powder
Asst Adj. Gen

War Department Bureau R. P. and A. Sands
Claim Division Washington May 18 1867.

Powder Wm
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Gen:

I am directed by Major General O. O.
Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of
papers in the claim for arrears of pay etc in the case of the
following named deceased Soldiers: Henry Sugars. "A" Co.
44th Regt. U. S. C. D.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant
Wm Powder
Asst. Adj. Gen.

War Department Bureau R. P. and A. Sands
Claim Division - Washington May 18 1867.

Powder Wm
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Gen:

I am directed by Major General O. O.
Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day
of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following
named discharged Soldiers: Levi Williams - Co -
Regt. U. S. C. D.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant
Wm Powder
Asst Adj. Gen

Florence Ala
May 20th 1867.

George C. A.
To Genl. J. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Dear Sir: I have your 25th Inst coming
your check on Foraise & Pison Bankers for \$41⁵⁵ no 290 being for my
last month's pay. I am obliged to Mr Paines for signing my
name and hereby authorize him to sign for me hereafter that is to say
my receipt roll. I am Sir Yours resply
G. C. A.
S. S. S. S.

Wm. H. H.
N. Gen. D. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Houston Ala May 20th 1867.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you my reports of receipts and issues of Supplies to the Institute of Winston Co. up to the 20th inst beg leave to say that all is quiet and harmonious in Winston at present and am happy to say that the people of my County endorse Congress in the reconstruction policy to the fullest extent and that the military Bill be enforced in all its times

Very respectfully your obt. Servant
W. H. Hise
Capt. B. R. & A. L.

Beecher Edwin
N. Gen. D. B. Callis.

Montgomery Ala. May 22nd 1867.

General:

I enclose check no 51 on acct Deas. H. G. for \$221⁰⁰ in payment of account of Danus H. Wells.
Check no 52 for \$218⁰⁰ in payment of acct of Stearnes Resacca. Both drawn in your favor as you requested. Also triplicate receipts for \$652⁰⁰ the amount of the check on H. G. which you sent me. The receipts I have dated the 17th inst. the day the acct Deas. gave me the credit.

Gen. Swayne is absent, and was when I got back. as soon as he returns, which will probably be to-morrow I will attend to the claims of the agents and if approved will forward the money.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher

Richard Stanbury
To Col. D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

St Louis Mo May 26 1867

Sir.

I wish you would please to send my discharge to me I want it free and I remain yours with respect

Richard Stanbury
My address
Richard Stanbury
St Louis Mo

Please forward it as soon as you can for I am in haste and it would help me than the amount of bounty due me.

Office Bureau Agency R. & A. L.
Athens Ala May 29th 1867.

James Danforth
To Gen. D. B. Callis

General:

I have the honor to respectfully report that I in Company with Capt. R. H. Bingham went to the plantation of A. S. McKimmon on Saturday last and held a public meeting which was largely attended by Col. C. C. C. and a few whites. We had no interruption and everything passed off harmoniously and satisfactorily. After the speaking we organized a Council and initiated thirty-seven Colored and one white members. I required Mr. McKimmon to appear at my office with all his hands on Monday last to enter into an approved contract with them which they did in agreeing to pay each and every one very liberal wages which was very satisfactory to all parties.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
James Danforth
Capt. B. R. & A. L.

Jas L. Sheffield
To Genl. B. Callis

Guntersville Ala
May 27th 1867

General B. Callis

Dear Sir

Yours of 23rd inst

was handed me on Yesterday per Henry Moore in which you state you wish I should see to this Case. He Moore gave up the horse on an affidavit without advising me afterwards I got him and Fielder together the man who traded him the horse & Fielder agreed to let it with Moore, agreed to let him have a Cow re. Fielder a few days after ran off and is now near Barton Station Franklin County Ala. When I was in Huntsville last you gave me the name of your Agent for that County, and I wrote him on the subject, have not heard from him, if I am authorized to do so I will have the horse returned from the party who made affidavit to him and have it investigated. No Case of Outrage or injustice committed by white persons on Freedmen has come to my knowledge that I have not acted promptly in the matter. I do not wait for the Case to be reported I had one of my best friends arrested a few days ago for striking a Black man with a stick he was not reported to me.

Whilst I act in the position of Agent I intend to see Justice done to the Col^d people to a little.

Yours Respectfully
J. L. Sheffield
Ag^t R. F. A. Lands

Moulton Ala
May 29th 1867

C. C. Gower
To Genl. B. Callis

General B. Callis

Dear Sir

I received by Yesterday's mail Yours of 28th inst containing a check on Fidelity and Fidelity on for \$41.50 for which I thank you re. Also your two letters of the 25th on the subject of the Government Corn sold by me as per your Order to me re. Please remember Genl. that we only have 2 mails a week from Moulton to this place Tuesdays & Thursdays. And if at any time you may think me slow in answering any of your letters or Orders to me please think of our mail arrangements. Our mails go from this place to Courtland and back here on the above named days in each week.

You may rest assured General that I will do my whole duty to the best of my judgment. My whole time is devoted to this Bureau business, and to issuing Out Passes. When any one hands the truth is General this Office is a meat and bread business to me. I have a family of 5 daughters and one small son 5 yrs old, my wife & self and no one to help me and I am 57 yrs old re.

Very Truly Yours
C. C. Gower
R. F. A. Lands
Laurens County
Alabama

Office Assistant Commissioner.
State Alabama B. R. P. & A. Sands
Montgomery Ala May 29th 1867

Browning Maj Geo D
A Gen Dno B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala

Sir:

Your monthly accounts Q. M. Stores
Q. M. Dept for the month of April 1867, have been received, exam-
ined and forwarded to the Q. M. General U. S. A through the
Commissioner Bureau R. P. & A. L. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Gen Wager Swayne
Asst. Commissioner.

Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Geo D. Browning

At Maj & A. A. Q. M. Bureau R. P. & A. L.
Chf Q. M.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office Chief Quartermaster B. R. P. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala May 29th 1867

Browning Maj Geo D
A B. Brig Gen Dno B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General:

Your Returns Stores pertaining to
Bureau for April 1867, are returned to you to be corrected in
conformity with instructions contained in my communication
of the 28th instant.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

By Order of Major Gen Wager Swayne
Geo D. Browning
At Major & Chf Q. M.
B. R. P. & A. L. State of Ala.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office Chief Q. M. B. R. P. & A. Sands
Montgomery Ala May 28th 1867

Browning Maj Geo D
A B. Brig Gen Dno B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General:

Your Returns Stores pertaining to
Bureau for March 1867 have been examined at this office,
and are returned for correction of the following irregularities
to wit:

Abstract D

The certificate of vouchers to this abstr must
show why the account was not paid by you. Vouchers must
be entered on the lower portion of the abstract when the acc-
ount is not paid, abstract & vouchers must be properly end-
orsed on the back, vouchers must be numbered.

Abstract E

Vouchers to this abstract must show the number
of Fires in the Hospital Office & C. for allowances See Par 2
Article 6th Bureau Officers Manual Vouchers must be
properly endorsed and numbered on the back.

Abstract F

Amount of Stationery issued on voucher no 1 is
in excess of the allowance authorized by the "Manual" Cause
of extra issue must be stated on the voucher. Vouchers must
be properly endorsed and numbered.

Abstract G

Vouchers must be properly endorsed & numbered
on the back.

Return.

This Return must be rendered in triplicate one
more copy required.

By Order of Major Gen Wager Swayne
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo D. Browning
At Maj & Chf Q. M. B. R. P. & A. L.

Crawville, Indiana March 11 1867

Arthur W. C.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Keweenaw Ala.

Sir:

I send you by the Steamboat Louisa 7.25 3 bushels white Shereen corn. This corn has been purchased to be delivered at Muscumbia at \$1.00 per bushel. I have made out the voucher for the above quantity. If you like you can take (200) two hundred bushels more for C. C. Sheets Decatur from the lot on the boat and include it in the quantity receipted for as received from the "Louisa".

You will please make all the necessary arrangements for the receipt of the corn, and for forwarding it to destination.

I will send the Brands with the boat. you can send them to Maj. F. D. Browning when you are through with them. Please forward receipt for this lot when you receive it &

Oblige Respectfully
W. C. Arthur.

Memorandum of Supplies sent from Cincinnati to Col. D. B. Callis
Col. D. B. Callis 8 Hds C. & Bacon 7.648^{ref}
Keweenaw Ala. By Steamer Camelia to Muscumbia

Col. Callis 7 Hds C. & Bacon 6.789["]
Caw Drs Powers By Steamer Camelia
Muscumbia Ala.

Col. Callis 17 Hds C. & Bacon 17.122["]
Caw C. C. Sheets 435 bags Corn 917 ⁵/₁₆ bushels
Decatur Ala. 170 " " 358 ⁵/₁₆ do
208 " " 445 ⁵/₁₆ do
1980 " " 4150 ⁵/₁₆ do
By Steamboat Camelia
557 Bags 1104 ⁵/₁₆ do
By St. N. R. R.

Bought by Camelia to be received at Muscumbia. Deficiency or damages to be assessed and noted on the original bills of lading. Bills of Lading with vouchers to be sent to Col. Bush for payment.

War Department Bureau A. F. & A. S.
Claim Division Washington May 24 1867.

Paolo W. W.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Keweenaw Ala.

General:

I am directed by Maj. General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the Claims for bounty in the cases of the following named discharged Soldiers:

Joseph Beasley	Co. "C" 121 Regt U. S. C. I.
Albert Anderson	S. Co 121 " " " "
Dymian Bell	"B" " 101 " " " "
Simon Moore	"H" " 421 " " " "
Nash Donaldson	"D" " 15 " " " "
Char. Bufort	"B" " 44 " " " "
Saul Martin	"D" " 17 " " " "
Naughton Martin	"D" " 17 " " " "
Alanzo Martin	"D" " 17 " " " "
Newman Martin	"B" " 17 " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. J. Fowler
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Rome Ga. May 31 1867

Elliott J. M.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Keweenaw Ala.

Gen:

I herewith hand you bill for goods shipped from here on the Boat to D. C. Primitive. He directs me to send the bill to you as the proper one to liquidate the same &c

Your Obedient Servant
J. M. Elliott
Capt. Co. R. S. B. Co

C. B. 156.

Laudrum P. L.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Montgomery Ala.

Chattanooga Tenn May 31st 1867

Dear General:

In thanking you for the prompt attention given to my last letter and for the ready willingness on your part to relieve my necessities I am induced to trouble you again on same subject. In referring to a duplicate B. Ldg. of the freight, delivered at "Darkies Landing" of 416 lbs. Can & 2 lds. Bacon being the half of that delivered a Huntsville amtly to 218th we would not urge this matter, was it not for our pressing wants and immediate use of funds. Therefore if you can possibly aid us in this respect your disinterested kindness will be doubly appreciated.

With great respect

I remain your humble obt. Serv

P. L. Laudrum agt

P. S. If you Express the amt please notice me by mail

P. L. L.

Denge C. A.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis

Montgomery Ala June 1st 1867

Dear General:

Thanking you for your kind favor of last month. I now beg leave to tell you that the Colored people in my District are generally well behaved and with few exceptions are doing well. The school of the Freedmen here whom to visit I make it my duty is also in a flourishing condition, both numerous and intelligent. The Teacher whom I will soon report to you the statistics of the school. In regard to the distribution of the rations I would say that I expected of every applicant for rations a written certificate from two responsible parties certifying as to the real need and worth of the applicant. By this modest opportunity I have written a great deal of imposition but still the want for rations is my great need and if it is just possible to send us any more send them at once they are very much needed here.

C. A. Denge

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala May 31st 1867

Kuismaw O. S.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

No General Report of the condition of affairs in your Sub-District, as required by letter from this Office of date May 20th 67 has been received, since the report for the month of February. You will forward without delay such report including the time between March 1st and the 31st inst. Hereafter the Report must be forwarded not later than the 5th of each month.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

O. S. Kuismaw

Sub. Asst. Commissioner

Scottsboro Ala June 3rd 1867

Mitchell N. J.
Adj. Gen. D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

Dear Sir:

As the election for removal or no removal of the County site is to come off next Saturday the 8th day of June this present month and it is thought and believed by good authority that there will be a trial to vote illegal voters at Stevenson by men who live on the line of Tennessee I am requested by the Loyal League of this place and others to ask your aid in sending a Guard of Ten or Fifteen men U. S. Troops to Stevenson on the day of election day next Saturday morning in order to guard the poles at that place. I shall be up there myself on that day and will it as a great favor if you can send them. C. C. Whitely is going to Montgomery he promised me to meet me at Stevenson on next Saturday but I think it very uncertain whether he can get back by then when he left he told me he thought you would send a guard to Stevenson if you would write you the facts in the case which I have done.

Yours N. J. Mitchell

over

General. Since I have been writing I hear of bloodshed between some white men this place and Larkinsville. Between some white men and negroes. I have just sent out after the parties. I think they will bring them in tonight. I hear the white men to wit W. R. Lindsey and his son D. W. Lindsey raised a fuss with three niggers who was working for them. Because the negroes went to the League on Saturday last and shot one of the negroes and wounded him mortally. I have just sent four good men out after them I think they will bring them in tonight. So I can get all the facts in the case.

Yours Truly
A. J. Mitchell agent.

Dickson County Alabama June 3/67

Citizens of Dickson Co in behalf
of Wallace & Whitfield

To Major Gen. Swayne

Comdg Dist Alabama:

We the undersigned petitioners would respectfully represent that the vicinity in which we live is greatly inconvenienced for want of Mills & that in consequence of the stringent provisions of the Penal Code of Ala in regard to tolls the steam mills will grind at all as they cannot afford to do so for the one eighth toll allowed. & we would therefore respectfully solicit that you grant Messrs Wallace & Whitfield owners of a Steam Mill permission to charge on sixth toll for all grain ground on their mill.

E. P. Cowart	Dana Austin	W. C. Allen
G. D. Knight	C. A. Staples	D. W. Smart
John W. Harrison	W. M. Keith	Thos. Harts
D. N. Dick	Dr. Snodgrass	Geo. W. Allen
C. Heile	Thos. D. Wood	Wm. Simmons
J. B. Woodley	S. B. McCraw	A. J. Sudd.
A. J. Whitworth	Das. J. Skelton	
G. J. Nicus	W. H. Vinyard	
J. B. Haines	Le. H. Skelton	
J. C. Huston	R. C. Brown	

See C. B. 159.

Auburn Ala

Nollifield R. O.

To Gen. Dns B. Callis

Dear Sir:

The woman Sarah Sanford is suffering for want of food and clothing and an immediate remission of the County money will greatly ameliorate her starving condition. Please forward the money to the undersigned as her ally

R. C. Nollifield
ally for applicant

War Department

Bureau R. D. and A. Sands

Washington D. C. May 31/67

Whitley Henry M.

To Major Gen. Swayne

Montgomery Ala.

General:

You are respectfully informed that the following named Officers serving under your directions have failed to take up properly, and to make returns thereof for property received for the month of February, as follows.

St. Col. D. B. Callis S. A. C. Huntsville Ala

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

You will notify these Officers that unless their accounts as above specified are received at these Head Quarters within thirty (30) days from date, that their names will be forwarded to the paymaster General W. S. A. if an Officer of the Army or to the Chief disbursing Officer of the Bureau if a Civilian, for stoppage of Pay.

By Command of
Major General W. O. Howard
Commissioner

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
(Signed) Henry M. Whitley
Atty Gen. S. A. G. W.
over

Head Quarters District of Alabama
 Montgomery Ala June 4th 67
 Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis, Sub
 Asst Commissioner Huntsville Ala for his information
 O. L. Kinsman
 Sub. Asst Comm

War Department Bureau of A. S. & L.
 Washington May 27. 67
 Sewall H. S.
 Major Gen Wager Swayne
 Montgomery Ala
 General

Major General Howard directs me
 to send you the enclosed letter purporting to be from some
 employees of this Bureau in Alabama. All which the United
 States may possibly be true and it may be his duty to call
 attention to this matter, but it does not seem proper for a
 Subordinate Officer thus to arraign the Congress of the
 United States.

It would have been much better and entirely
 proper for Mr Burton as a Bureau Officer to have communica-
 ted his views through the proper channels to the Asst Commis-
 sioner so that they might have been brought to the notice of
 Congress in an unobjectionable manner, and then have received
 the weight to which they are entitled. This communication
 the Commissioner thinks will tend to produce discontent
 among and work to the prejudice of the freedmen.
 Officers and Agents of the Government should be inst-
 ructed as to their duties in this respect.

Very respectfully Your Obedt Servant
 (Signed) J. L. Sewall

Bt Brig Gen + A. A. G.

Head Qrs Dist of Ala

Montgomery Ala June 3rd 67
 Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis S. A. Com
 Huntsville Ala for his information.

By Order of Maj Gen Wager Swayne
 O. L. Kinsman

War Department
 Bureau Refugees Freedmen and A. S. & L.
 Washington May 15th 1867.

O. O. Howard Maj Gen Comd
 Circular Letter.

I have information from
 Virginia and South Carolina that intemperance among
 the Freedmen is on the increase. Already a movement is on
 foot in this City having in view a thorough organization so
 as to enable the Colored people to exert all the power pos-
 sible to prevent the evil in question.

I find that the "Sons of Intemperance" in their
 Grand Divisions retain the old bigotry, and decline to
 extend their arms to save men of Dark Skin from drunkenness
 Except it be done upon condition that there shall be
 complete and enforced separation.

I therefore hope that the officers and agents of
 this Bureau and the agents of the different benevolent
 associations working for the elevation of the Colored people
 will take immediate measures to organize associations
 of Colored people never excluding the white, under the
 name of "The Lincoln Temperance Society" there
 is great appropriateness in the name, from the well
 known character of Mr. Lincoln, and from the
 fact the freedmen bear him.

Please see to it that
 Officers or Agents of this Bureau who may be intem-
 perate men, be immediately reported to this office
 Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
 (Signed) O. O. Howard
 Major Gen Commissioner

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
 Montgomery Ala June 4th 67
 Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis S. A. C
 at Huntsville Ala. who will confer with the leading
 Colored people of his Sub Dist. and use all means
 in his power to organize and forward the association
 over.

above referred to. Report showing the progress made in this work will form a part of the General monthly reports of the Sub Asst Commissioner.

By Order of
Maj Gen Wagon Sawyer
O A Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm

Chattanooga, Tenn June 4th 67

Saudum P.C.
M Gen D.B. Callis
Montgomery Ala.

Dear General:

Enclosed please find order of C. S. Peak CLK St Resaca for amt due (\$218) Please forward by Express return, and accept my sincere thanks for your kind help and trouble.

Very truly Your obt Servant
P.C. Saudum agt.

Gen D.B. Callis.

Will please settle with P.C. Saudum the amt he is due St Resaca for shipments made by him for Col. Sheffield of Corn and bacon from Decatur Ala to Gunterville and Larkin Landing April 20 67.

C. S. Peak CLK
St Resaca

Gunterville Ala May 24th 67

Sheffield D.S.
M Gen D.B. Callis

Sir:

Below find acct of the sale of "damaged" Corn sold to the highest bidder after two weeks public notice.

C. Nichols 5 Sacks	75 ^c	-	3.75
Wm May 10 "	75 ^c		7.50
D. S. Sheffield 10 "	80 ^c		8.00
No 5 "	75		3.75
30			<u>\$23.00</u>

Enclosed you will find the Twenty three dollars which will there to any more rations the ~~quantity~~ are in great need of Bread. I shipped to your care of O. C. shells 408 Sacks.

Respectfully

J. L. Sheffield agt

Montgomery Ala. June 5 1867

Beecher Edmon

M Gen D.B. Callis.

Montgomery Ala

General:

I Enclose herewith \$394.48.

Duplicate receipt for
Account on check

687.

1.00

\$1.082.48.

This is in satisfaction of the following accounts -

Account Current for May

1.474.48.

Dr. Pitch Postage

75

D. W. Spatenword

5.75

Vanderbilt and Martin

15.00 of 1.082.48

The acct of Mr McAnelly is for general.

Being as may be required to give a new bond as Paymaster the former one having expired by limitation, I have not drawn any funds lately from the Pay Department, and it may be ten days or more before I get money from Nashville or Louisville. It is likely you can get the money from Nashville or Louisville considerably sooner than I shall be prepared to pay I therefore return your accounts. If however you show a preference to run the risk of delay here you can send them back and as soon as I get funds I will attend to them.

Respectfully

Edmon Beecher

Department of Agriculture
Washington D. C. June 5 1867

Stokes W.
To Col. D. B. Carris
Montgomery Ala

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day sent to your address one mail bag containing many vegetable seeds with the request that you will make a judicious distribution of the same among the people of your County as contemplated by Resolution of Congress appropriating \$50,000. for the purchase of seeds for the South. and trust the same will reach you in good order. When received please acknowledge.

Respectfully Yours &c

D. W. Stokes

Acting Commissioner

P.S. The mail bag you will return to your Post Office in order that it may be returned to the P.O. Dept.

Recd Ops Dist. Ala. Office A. C. Bureau
Montgomery Ala June 4 1867

Arthur W. Le.
To Col. D. B. Carris
Montgomery Ala

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst enclosing "Reports for May". In reply I have the honor to state that no supplies have been received in this State purchased under the "Joint Resolution of Congress approved March 30 1867."

The reports required for the supplies now in the hands of your agents are designated in General orders No 4 Head Quarters. Sub Dist. of Ala. Oct 10 1866.

Yours very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
W. L. Arthur

A. C. Bureau

Red Fork Ark. June 2 1867

Lacey R. and others
To Col. Carris
Montgomery Ala

Sir

We embrace the present opportunity to address you in reference to the contract made with Mr. Crawford from this place. and let you know that he has failed to comply with his part of the contract in that he agreed to pay us one half of our wages every month now that we are here about three months he says he not got the money to pay with. we wish you to give us your advice in reference to the matter as we are not willing to work any longer unless we can get pay. When we told him that he did not stand up to his contract he drew a pistol and said he would kill us if we said so again. we are early reply from you on the subject will oblige.

P.S. Please send my discharge
and get my money.
R. Farrow.

Your Obedient Servant.
Ruben Lacey
Henry Martin
James Cain

Darkies Fork, Alabama
June 8 1867

Sauhaud A. H.
To Gen. D. B. Carris
Montgomery Ala

Dear Sir:

I wish to ask your advice in a home case - a difficulty between myself and a Rebel which is as follows:

In the Fall of 1863 the Federal Army taken from my farm a young man and soon abandoned her and a rebel quenele got possession of her and traded her to a neighbour of mine. I soon recognized her as my property and got three of my neighbours and went to the man who had her in his possession and proved her to be my property. then proposed to go over.

took me and my witnesses before a Justice of the Peace and would and would give up my property upon legal proof being had - I accordingly went as I had promised but the man did not appear with my property; for during this delay he had been Court celled by his rebel friends to run the property and deliver the same to the man from whom he had got it. He did this and got in lieu of my mare a three year old colt to save himself - This is the plan resorted to under the bogus laws set up for the protection of rebels to the downfall of Union men. I come to ask you now whether or not I can recover anything off of this man who had my property in his possession and could have surrendered the same at any time, but who ran the property to save himself. I can get a judgment against this man but under the so-called laws he has not got half as much property as the law allows him. He has some property but has it covered under rebel law. How to make a long story short I want to know whether or not I can get damages from the man who had her in possession and who ran the property to save himself or not. What course will I take, if any?

Very Respectfully
A. H. Sanham.

P.S.

I am a loyal man and can have the same substantiated by a hundred men if necessary. Anything encouraging upon the statement made which is a true one would probably cause a compromise that I could get something.

A. H. S.

Athens Ala. June 7th 67

Mr. Kimminich,
Brig. Gen. B. Harris
Huntsville Ala.

I received an order from your Hd Qrs dated May 23 and from the tone of the same I would infer that there has been statements made that are highly prejudicial to me as a law abiding citizen & as one worthy of your respect and confidence. Statements that I am fully prepared to refute & stamp them with that malice and prejudice which must certainly have filled the one which made them. Sometime about the 1st of May there was a public meeting or speaking held at Sandyville to which most of my hands asked permission to go which permission was granted in every instance. A short time after I learned that there was to be a public speaking on my premises. As I had never been consulted with regard to that matter, I must confess that I was astonished, and having ascertained that such was the intention, I said to Morris (a school teacher employed when he was a student) that whoever comes to my place to speak without consulting me would trouble whether he was a Union Leaguer, Rebel Leaguer or whatnot. These were the very words used which I can prove. As for Mr. Brad he never made any remarks about the matter as it was none of his business as I control everything on the place. Further than that I went to Athens and saw Mr. Bingham and told him that I was opposed to any public speaking or public demonstrations of any kind on my place, but that I was perfectly willing for any and all of my hands to go to any public place he might appoint. He appeared satisfied and said the meeting would be held at Sandyville on that evening which was on the 21st of May. I went back to the farm and left orders as I passed through two of the places mentioned by me that the place of meeting had been changed and that I wanted

every hand to go and that there should be no work
called for on Saturday so that all might go that wished
on that night (the 21st) my Blacksmith came to and
asked me if they (meaning the Black people) could
have the ferry boat to cross the River on Saturday morning.
I told him they could and that all hands should
go as we were not going to work on that day.

All this occurred previous to the receipt and date
of your order. These facts above stated I can prove
(and will do so if you require it) by the affidavits of
numerous hands as well as by the affidavit of the young
man Superintending the various places on which I
am farming. As I had given them all their instructions
on the evening of the day on which I had my interview
with Mr Bingham. I rented the farm known as the
Vaper Place in December last and in Jan said
to the freedmen there that I would furnish logs and
boards and have them hauled and charge nothing &
also let them use plank from an outhouse for a floor
if they would build a School house on my premises
and agree that the house & school should be under
my control and that I would allow no preaching
or public gathering as I was a stranger and did
not wish to allow anything that would render me or
my ways distasteful or odious to any Community.
I have therefore inspired my statement on your feeling
that I have a right to do so. as it is to officers of the
United States Government that I have always looked
for assistance and protection.

I feel and know that it is against my interests and
honor to have public ——— not only gather a
crowd of both good and bad. white and black
together whose interest are not in union with mine
and whose influence I cannot expect to be exerted
in my favor but it "gatherings" on my premises as
it disturbs and distracts the negroes whose mind
cannot fully comprehend as yet their duties
and responsibilities as Citizens and also their
duties and responsibilities to me as the Employer.

I must say in justice to my hucasa more industri-
ous happy and contented set. I never saw before this
disturbance Bingham came amongst them. and further
that I had no difficulty whatever with any one of them &
up to the time of the speaking had not heard of a man
in.

As to my past reputation with regard to my management
of freedmen I would refer you Maj D. Jones of your
Office as he has seen something of my system.
 Hoping you will pardon me for intruding so
much on your valuable time.

I have the honor to
Remain Your Obedt
A. J. McNewman

War Department B.D. & A. S.
Claim Division.
Washington D.C. June 5 '67

Proctor Wm
J. B. Bingham D. B. Dallas
Huntsville Ala

General.

I have the honor to return
herewith the declaration for County of Union Moore, State
of Co. H. 42 U.S.C. D.
Applications for County and areas of pay will not
be entertained by the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury
unless the identifying witnesses shall have been
acquainted with claimants prior to their discharge
from the U. S. Service.

With new Application please return this letter.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servant
Wm Proctor
A. A. Sew

Head, Quartermaster's Office
A. C. S. Bureau
Montgomery May 7 1867

Arthur W. C.
Adj. Brig Gen D. B. Carris
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Messrs. Brantley & Co. of Louisville Ky will deliver to you at South Florence Landing 10,000 Ten thousand bushels white shelled Corn at \$1.25 per bushel you will cause the Corn to be thoroughly inspected by a competent person. You will take up and account for the Corn as provided for in Circular No 11 War Department Office Commissioner Bureau R. D. & A. L. April 3 1867. Giving Vouchers for the quantity accepted, payable by Lt Col Edwin Belcher of Dist. Office B. R. N. & A. L. at these Hd Qrs. This Corn to be shipped immediately to your address.

By Order of
Major General Wm. Swayne A. C.
W. C. Arthur
A. C. S. B. R. D. & A. L.

Huntsville Ala. May 22 1867.

Bells & F.
Adj. Brig Gen W. Swayne
Montgomery Ala.

Gen:

I received on yesterday at my residence in the Country 13 miles from Huntsville by the hands of Ephraim Blackburne, colored a letter from Adj. Brig Gen Carris of which the following is a copy.

Head Quartermaster's Office
Huntsville Ala May 20 1867

E. F. Bells

Sir. on the 31 day of May 1866. I received

an order to you for the delivery of a certain Bay mare the property of E. Blackburne colored and formerly the property of the U. S. (by capture during the War.) to said Blackburne.

It again becomes my duty to call your attention to the order and to demand strict Compliance with its provisions. the owner will produce a Bill of Sale.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Dno B. Bells

Adj. Brig Gen & Sub. Asst Com

I called today to see Gen Carris and enquired if he required me to deliver the mare mentioned without any trial of my right thereto. I was informed that the Negro should have the horse and I might seek my remedy. I asked him what my remedy was when he said I might find that out myself. Supposing that it was never contemplated by the Gov of the U. S. that a Citizen should be deprived of his property without trial upon the mere ex parte showing of a claimant I appeal to you for redress and submit the following Statement of facts. The Order of the 31 of May 1866, was issued upon the ex parte showing of Ephraim Blackburne without any previous notice to me and believing that the law did not authorize such a proceeding the Civil Courts being open I declined to surrender the horse to Blackburne when he presented me with the order. My refusal did not proceed from any disposition to refuse to render obedience to the Lawful authorities but from an honest belief that Col Bells had no authority to issue such an order. The facts in relation to the controversy are as follows. The horse was raised by me on the place where I now live. During the war when the horse was in the possession of a colored man then one of my servants it was taken by an army sutler who stated that he took her for his own use. I appeared to Gen Crook for redress who said in presence of a witness that if I could find

the mare she should be delivered up to me and gave me a written order to visit the camps and stables in search of her. The search proved unavailing. After the war I found the mare in my neighborhood in possession of Blackburn and went to a magistrate (Justice of the Peace) and made affidavit that it was my property and obtained process for a trial. The Justice after investigating the matter ordered the mare to me, requiring a bond with security to have the mare forthcoming in the event of a suit against me by Blackburn for the mare. I executed the bond with security in the penalty of \$300 that bond is yet outstanding but no suit has been brought and the only proceedings taken by Blackburn has been to make application to Gen Callis and get the order before referred to.

The bill of sale referred to purports to be from some private person who is alleged by Blackburn to live in Nashville Tenn but who so far as I am ~~known~~ aware is unknown in the State and may be a fictitious personage. The Justice who required me to execute the bond was James H. Bibb.

At the time of the investigation before Bibb it was the custom in this part of the State for Justice to take Discretion in such investigations as to the right of property in horses and Blackburn did not make any objection before Bibb to his trying the case.

Your early attention to this will oblige me
Respectfully yours
E. J. Betts.

See E. J. Betts.

Betts E. J.
To Gov Patton

Nashville May 22 1867

Dear Sir: I beg that you will do me the favor to see Gen Swaine as soon as may be possible in relation to the matter of the enclosed letter. Surely he will not suffer Gen Callis to order one man to surrender property to another upon

a mere ex parte statement. My horse will be probably taken tomorrow and as Blackburn is irresponsible he may be lost to me. I can't afford to lose him if you can't see Gen Swaine please send him the letter your immediate attention will oblige your friend
E. J. Betts.

Head Quarters Dept of the Cumberland
General Disbursing Office
Louisville Ky June 6 1867

Nashville B. H. Hol SR

To Brig Gen John B. Callis.

Nashville Ala. General

I have the honor to transmit
it my check No 344 on the U. S. Dept of the City
and the order for \$66.00 in payment of gr. ac
for Com of grs & fuel for the month of
May 1867. 70.00
3.00

Please acknowledge the Enclosure
Yours Very Respectfully
B. H. Hol SR
Brig Gen. Callis

War Department B. R. H. & L.
Claim Division
Washington June 1 1867

Powder Springs
To Brig Gen. J. B. Callis
Nashville Ala.

General:

I am directed by Major
General. C. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the Claim of bounty
in the cases of the following named discharged soldiers:
Thomas Haxton B. Co. 17 Regt. U.S. A.

Thomas Battle "E" Co. 12 Regt U. S. C. D.
 John Anderson "B" " 12 " " " " "
 Austin Maston "D" " 11 " " " " "

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 Wm Fowler
 Asst Adjt Gen

Quartermaster General's Office
 Washington D.C. June 8. 1867

Thomas Chat.
 A Brs Brig Genl D. B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Return of Q. M. Stores
 as Sub. asst Comr B. R. A. S. for the month of April,
 1867, has been received through B. R. A. S. and, when
 examined, will be sent to the Third Auditor of the
 Treasury for settlement, of which you will be duly
 notified.

By Order of the Quartermaster General
 Very Respectfully Your Obedt Serv
 Chas Thomas
 A. Q. M. Gen Bk May Gen U. S. V.

Bureau B. R. A. S. Agents Office
 Murfreesboro Tenn June 10 1867

Nelson D. K.
 A Brs Brig Genl D. B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala.

Col. I write this for the benefit of
 Lewis Campbell (late Co. "E" 40th U. S. C. D. who holds a
 receipt from you given Jan'y 2 1867 for his discharge) to
 inform you that his P. O. address is Murfreesboro Tenn
 in my care.

Very Respectfully &c
 J. K. Nelson Agent
 P.S. Please acknowledge receipt.

War Department B. R. A. S. Agents
 Office Chief Quartermaster
 Washington June 3 1867

Whittelsey A. M.
 A Brs Brig Genl D. B. Callis
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Property account for the months
 of February and March 1867, transmitted to the Quartermaster
 General's Office as of property pertaining to that Department
 have been forwarded from the Quartermaster General's Office
 to the Commissioner of this Bureau.

You are directed to inform this Office without delay the
 account of above referred to is of property belonging to the Quar-
 termaster's Department, U. S. A., or to the Bureau B. R. A. S.

If the account is of property belonging to the Q. M. Depa-
 rtment U. S. A. a triplicate copy of the return as provided
 by Par. 2, Article 2, Bureau Officers Manual is required.

Note.—Reply to be marked S. P. Vol. 3. Page 582.
 and addressed to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner
 — Envelope marked in margin "For Chief Q. M."

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commissioner
 Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 Henry M. Whittelsey
 Bk Brig Genl & Chf Q. M. B. R. A. S.

Through Bk Maj Gen J. Browning
 actg asst Q. M. Master
 Montgomery Ala.

Office Bureau Agency R. & A. S.
Athens Ala June 13th 67

Danforth D.
No. 100 B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

General:-

Enclosed find receipt for
check, for which I am much obliged.
I am truly grateful to learn that there is a prospect of
receiving aid for the destitute as there are a good many
in this County suffering, more especially aged and en-
feebled Col. persons, and it will be more than a pleasure
to me to be able to relieve their necessities.

General, would it be necessary for me to make a report
of the amount of Corn I got of Capt. Dana and issue a to
my list? My Book has increased some since my Report
of 25th April. Please write me if it would be proper to
report a list as it now stands.

Very Respectfully,
D. Danforth agt.

Huntsville Ala. June 14th

Sheffield D. S.
No. 100 B. Callis

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th of May came
to hand on yesterday enclosing blank oath and stating
from recent orders I will be required to swear to in before
receiving any Compensation &c. I can not take the oath
that I did not aid or abet the Confederate Cause,
I was as much opposed to Secession as any man in the
Government, did all in my power to defeat the object of
secessionists in and out of the Secession Convention &
they day the ordinance passed and the old flag was taken
from the dome of our State Capitol and on raised up
in its stead, with but one star upon its folds, I would
willingly have laid down my life to have availed the
act, but having been Southern born and loving the people
to I cast my lot with them to sink or swim and went on

the Army voluntarily, and stayed in the service till I
was proscribed for my "politics." When I withdrew from the
service after the surrender I was determined to abide the
result honestly, and my honest desire is for the perpetuity
of the Union and that the Old Flag of 76. may forever wave
over us as a United people. no man has a stronger at-
tachment for the U. S. Govt. than myself and if War
should come upon us I would cheerfully shoulder my
musket, & march side by side with those I fought against
for three long bloody years - to repel any foe and for
the preservation of the Union &c. After the surrender I
took the oath prescribed - and I have and intend
to abide by it in good faith and since my acceptance
of the position of Agt. of B. & A. S. I have endeav-
ored to discharge the duties of that office honestly and
to the best of my ability and knowing at the same time
I would receive no pay for my services. I was willing
to give my time and labor to the good of the Cause &
no case of trespass or outrage has come to my know-
ledge of any white person or a colored person that
I have not acted promptly. I did not wait for the parties
to report. But if you think a person who can take the
Oath would discharge the duties of the Office better than
I, I have no objection to the appointment. I was satisfied
when I was in Huntsville last when you told me
you were going to pay the agents that I would be
trusted and so expressed myself to B. Dolly that
no one wanted the position when there was no money
in it. but when the money is to come you will find
plenty of men who are anxious to serve and labor
for their Country - unless you think you can get some
one that can and will discharge the duties of the office
better than myself I am willing to continue in the dis-
charge of the duties as agt. without any compensation
but exercise your own judgment & discretion in the
matter. and I trust you may do as will be satisfactory to me.

I am Genl Yours Obedt Servt.
D. S. Sheffield.

General if some one else is appointed agt. B. & A.

and A. S. for this County can I not continue to have the
 notion as I am agent for the State and receive frequently
 supplies from our Societies. I would like to continue us-
 ing the Govt Supplies if it is consistent of not I will give
 up my appointment as State agent.
 Let me hear from you. J. S. S.

June 1st 1867

Sheffield S.

To Genl. D. B. Callis.

General. Could I not get some one who
 can take the Oath and have him appointed and let me
 attend to the business and get the Salary. this is done
 in the Case of Post masters of So. S. S. at this
 place I think will take the Oath office and let
 me attend to the business and receive the Compensation
 I would have liked very much to have had you
 with us here today. a very large gathering of colored
 and white people here. I will address the colored
 people and tell them what political rights they
 are entitled to &c. & so long as I act as agt unless
 they exercise all their rights as free men & when
 interfered with I will have the offenders arrested
 forthwith and I shall tell them so today.

J. S. Sheffield.

Chattanooga June 7th 1867

Laundrum P. C.

To Genl. D. B. Callis.

Hamletville Ala.

Dear Genl.:-

Your favor of 6th to hand
 also the Pkg of money for Express rec'd containing \$27⁰⁰
 accept the sincere gratitude of yours

Yours humble servant.

P. C. Laundrum agt.

Liberty N.C. June 10th 1867.

Bassell Robt. Clopton & others.

To Genl. D. B. Callis.

Hamletville Ala.

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned do kindly
 ask you please take notice of this on the account of
 peace. The following is to wit- the School house which
 we built was intended for a school and now Kimmer said
 we might have it for a meeting house & witnessed by A.
 Blair. and further we do claim that building the Christ
 mass. it was understood in the beginning that we was
 to put it up in our own time and now local to furn-
 ish team to haul the logs and again we want to know
 has Mr. Kimmer any right to discharge a teacher which
 we employ when he nor any other man can bring
 and prove any act of injustice against him since
 he has been here. and further he would not agree
 to come after we had employed him until we got the
 Consent of all parties and now said Kimmer has the-
 atened to put 25 buck shot in to our teacher if he put
 his foot on any portion of land which he has in poss-
 -ession after he settles with him. witnessed & by R. Bassell
 R. Clopton, and H. Harris - Now Sir we do ask you
 kindly will you please come down here and set
 us all straight. we want to meet all parties face to face
 with yourself to be the Judge. who is right we want you
 to appoint the time when it will suit you. please
 Sir do not fail to come

Respectfully Yours for Justice & Truth.

Robert Bassell	Jas Thomas	Wm M Daniel
Whely Clopton	Mac Sattermore	Jas Bally
Adams Shars	Ed. Armstrong	Henry Hooker
Monroe Sharts	Robt Commons	Wm Wise
Jacob Armstrong	Mrs. Shars	Columbus Jiss
Wm Banks	Major Shur	Wm Blair
John Dawson	Helena Fanah	Robt Davis Dr
Stephen Hardy	Robt Davis Sr	Ham Harris
Jas H. Moore	Camp Droups	Augustus Blair

Adam Yarbry
Austin Moore
Burd Johnson
Andrew Blair
Jacob Durner
Joseph Sills

Isaac Drury
John Liser
Edward Jones
Jesse Streets
Geo Carrington
Hartwell Sloss
Arang Drury

Prima Madison Co Ala
May 20th 1867.

Blackwell N. H.
To Col Callis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to make complaints to you in regard to the working of the freedmen here named viz: Wm Blackwell, Richard and Levi Blackwell. They came to my place without anything. I have furnished them with all of their provisions they have eaten them this year and also with clothing. They take holiday when ever they feel like it without my consent, and when they are in the field they don't do half work. I am paying two dollars a bushel for corn to feed the mules they pretend to work, I have more than complied with my part of the Contract and they have not half way complied with theirs. I can prove my assertions by both black and white witnesses. I can't furnish them any longer or they can't work my stock or stay on my place if they don't do better than they have been doing. If you can do any thing for me I will take it as a very great favor.

Yours Very Respectfully
N. H. Blackwell.

Jordan M. Just P.-

Acts disclosed on trial between D. H. Pullington & Isaac Kelly, Col. C.

M. Jordan J. P. M. C. June 1st 1867.

D. H. Pullington loaned Isaac Kelly, a fine mare valued at \$150⁰⁰ to enable the said Isaac to make a crop. Bob son of the said Isaac took the said mare unknown to Pullington or Isaac and swapped it for an inferior animal valued by the said party at \$50⁰⁰. Said Isaac at Mr Pullington had \$50⁰⁰ in money (Previous to the swapping of horses by Bob) for the purpose of buying him (Isaac) a horse. The said Isaac agreed to give Mr Pullington the mare Bob swapped for and the \$50⁰⁰ in the hands of Pullington in lieu of the fine mare Pullington let Isaac have. Then the said Isaac and Pullington agreed to the following arrangement. Pullington to let Isaac retain the mare (Bob swapped for and which Isaac gave up to Pullington) to finish making his crop - and the said Isaac upon the payment of \$75⁰⁰ to the said Pullington in the Fall should have the horse. If not paid as agreed, the horse should be returned to the said Pullington. The above transaction took place in 1866.

We the Undersigned are willing to swear, that Isaac Kelly acknowledged the truth of the above facts and also acknowledged that he owed Pullington the \$75⁰⁰ and has not paid it but was willing for Pullington to have the mare.

Attest D. Grabel
H. M. Dunick
H. C. Hall.

M. Jordan
J. P.

Beach Creek Meeting House
Marshall County May 31st 1867

Thompson S. W.

To Gen D. B. Callis:

Loyal League in Session.

According to previous appointment have met to day for the purpose of receiving the colored population of Marshall County in the National Union, firstly after receiving 26 the number present. - The question was then proposed to the house in Mass who they would have to fill the Office of County agent for the distribution of rations to the destitute, provided a vacancy should occur. The name of W. L. Parrott was proposed to the House and unanimously adopted without a dissenting voice. - Next some complaints came against J. C. Barclay County Supt of Education 1st Charge, for withholding money due to trustees of Townships for Educational purposes. - 2nd Charge for being disloyal to the Government by instructing the members of the Legislature not vote for the Constitutional Amendment and said before he would sign it he would be forced from his office to his dinner and be forced back to his office with the bayonets. These facts can be established. -

The name of Rev. D. K. Johnson was proposed as a suitable man to fill his place, provided a vacancy should occur. The question being put to the house - he received the unanimous vote of both white & colored.

A motion then being made that the colored friends should nominate two of their color to represent them in the State Convention to be held in Montgomery on next Thursday the 4th day of May June when the names of Saml White and Wm Banks are presented to the House, and received the unanimous approval of the house as two suitable men for the delegation.

Resolved - That the foregoing recommendations and nominations be copied and sent to Gen D. B. Callis at Huntsville also by S. W. Thompson.

Through the courtesy of Mr W. L. Parrott I address you these few lines Sir with due respect. Remain your friend
S. W. T.

June 9th 1867.

Parrott W. L.
To Gen D. B. Callis:

Dear Sir:

As I have an opportunity of dropping you a few lines by one of our Leaguers. I address you as Short & polite. we are gaining strength in Marshall County I have attended two league meetings since I saw you. Received 32 members were recommended. we will soon have the loyal to the surface and sink the rebel cause in this County.

It is not necessary for me to tell you much as my friend Mr W. J. Pointer at my elbow will tell you more than I have time to write. I would have wrote to you sooner but we have had no mail since I saw you until yesterday therefore your letter has not come to hand yet. But I shall look for it next Tuesday I send our letter unsealed because I know I am sending by a friend who has knowledge of me though not personally acquainted only by the name I bear.

General I have never run for any office in life but feel it my duty to consent to the wish of my friends. therefore I send you a few lines from some of our league friends respecting the Rations for the destitute of Marshall County. If the appointment is not made to Supercede Col Dimmy and you think that I will do justice and show the duty on me I will try and do justice to me and all white & colored. there is many that is suffering at this time.

General I am your sincere friend and feel that you are my protector. Write often and give me all necessary instructions whether I hold any responsible office or not.

W. L. Parrott

At Home Marshall County June 1st 1867

Berry D. M.

To Gen. D. B. Collins

Monticello Ala.

I was at a Loyal League meeting yesterday at Beach Creek in the neighborhood of Haneaton and there were with quite a number of the League and many others who wished to connect themselves with it. There was several whites and quite a number of colored men who were initiated. After which I made a short talk to the colored brethren. Col. James L. Sheffield understands the colored people of Marshall today at Guntersville those that heard me yesterday I guess will not be so easily gulled by the Col today.

I told them their duty (as best I could) Politically, Socially, Morally and Religiously.

The public sentiment among the Loyal element of Marshall County is bitterly opposed to the Rebel Col. They think as I do that he should not hold any office of Honor Trust or Profit. It would meet the approbation of that element of this County that the Col be relieved of the office that he now holds. It is the earnest desire of the Union men of this County that all disloyal men be removed from office and Loyal men be appointed in their places.

Provided Sheffield is removed Gen I ask you as humbly as I know how to bestow that office upon your humble servant and I promise you that I will faithfully discharge all the duties that that position involves upon me. I am satisfied that there is some person or persons that are seeking that appointment who if they were to obtain it it would not meet the approbation of the truly Loyal of this County. I wish such men at the foot of the Union Ladder and I think that they should spell up and turn down and get that way before they claim the right of standing there not as the landings they belong to the League.

Gen: you will please drop me a few lines relative to what I speak. Just as soon as you can conveniently. I will send this by hand to you if I can meet with an opportunity in a day or so and if I should I much rather you would send a few lines by the bearer as the Post master (or his substitute)

is the Secoundree of north Alabama.

If the answer to this is sent by hand please instruct the bearer to leave the same with S. S. Sagnal Esq who lives three miles north of Summit on the main road. If sent by mail direct to Summit Blount Co. Ala

Yours Respectfully
D. M. Berry

Blount County Ala. June 7th 1867

Shapard J. & Others

To Gen. D. B. Collins

We the members of the Loyal League of Ala. met at new Georgia Church viewing the wretched condition of our Country in its present distress in every respect. We believe and intend to do all in our power in restoring our Country from its wretched and ruined condition which did not happen by our choice. We feel the effects and treachery and disloyal movements made by our leaders and today we are in the Gulf of Secession (though in a water tight bark with good sails) aiming for the Union shore. We are reduced to starvation and without means to buy with. It is hard for an industrious Loyal people to be reduced to the wretched abodes of starvation. Viewing the condition of our neighbors as we do we call earnestly upon our friends abroad for help at this critical and distressing day. Our wheat it is true will soon be in but there is not more than one third of us that has any growing owing to the scarcity of seed last fall.

We return thanks to the Government of the United States for the care she has taken of the aged and infirm of our land and Country had it not been for the generous hearts and people north starvation long since would have overtaken many of us.

We ourselves claim to be able to work and our farms we think will prove that to the eyes of the passer by. We greatly desire to finish our crops but if we are not assisted we shall fail and next year we will be no better provided for sustenance than we are this.

We then ourselves upon the liberality of Strangers hoping

that they will bestow on whom that is not able to help themselves
We cry for help. please bestow the same and we will owe
lasting gratitude.

By Order of the League W. J. Pointer, vice president & solicitor
aid for the suffering

June 7th 1867

Doel S. Mabry Post

Levi Murphy Sec -

J. D. Gunter

J. W. Ballard

S. Honey

Elias Brasseal

W. J. Pointer

R. S. Long

Wm. Kilsse

Deer Gunter

W. D. Alfred

Wm. Allred

R. Ellison

Andrew Morton

He. Morton

Sam. Morda

J. C. Gunter

Dan. King

D. B. Long

Stephen Gunter

D. C. Evans

Thos. Kilsse

E. D. Brasseal

C. C. Gunter

R. S. Robertson

A. G. King

Mrs. Mitchell

W. H. Brasseal

William Brasseal

Wm. Latham Dr

A. D. Ballard

D. G. Gunter

Wm. Gunter

R. Gunter

G. Englund

A. Mitchell

D. J. Mabry

E. A. White

John Mitchell

June 7th 1867

Gen. D. B. Callis

Dear Sir

I am acquainted and
recommend the above petition on the fact that it is stated
as true only the condition is worse than the stated

W. Shapard

Mayhaffey H. N.

Marshall County Ala. June 8th 1867

I was taken by the League and was coming
that Sergeant W. J. Pointer a Loyal member of the League
to be appointed agent of the Bureau of Marshall County
as we the members of the Loyal League think him the most
suitable man for that place as we know him to be sound in
the time of War and knowing that Benjamin Henry Colton
to run with the Sheffield and Joseph Bradley party and
want our friend Pointer to take charge of our County League
we can keep up with the times and and so we can report
by you and inform us our duty as Loyal members of League
and our County is call to meet on the 29th of this inst. at
Guntersville By Mr. Pointer so General it is our desire to
restore the Union so I am your

Obedient Servant

W. H. Mayhaffey

Post Office Blue Spring

Recd. Co. Dist. of Alabama.

Office A. C. S.

Montgomery Ala. June 12th 1867

Arthur W. C.

To St. Dr. Logan

Mobile Ala.

Sir:

You will transfer to St. Brig Gen D. B. Callis
Sub. Asst. Commissioner District of North Ala and Ship to
such places as he may designate (20,000) Twenty thou-
sand pounds of Clear sides Beef meat to be received by
you from the Inspector of Supplies furnished under the
Mittleton Contract.

By Order Major General

Wm. Swayne Comdg

W. C. Arthur

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office A. C. S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala June 13th 1867

Arthur H. Le.
To Col Brig Gen D. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

General.

You will please forward to this Office without delay monthly Returns of Provisions with Vouchers of all Supplies received transferred or issued by you under authority of General Order No. 11. H. A. G. Sub. District of Alabama October 10th 1867.

By Order of Maj General
H. A. G. Swayne.

Comdy Dist Ala.
W. C. Arthur. A. C. S.

Head Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office A. C. S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala June 11th 1867

Arthur H. Le.
To Col Brig Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. I herewith enclose in form of Voucher to be filled up with the number of Bushels Corn accepted by you.

The Supplies will only be issued in accordance with requirements of Circular 11. and be issued through Agents of known Loyalty in the Service of the Bureau.

Freight and other proper Charges will be paid on the proper proper vouchers by Col E Beecher at these Headquarters.

Bacon, will be forwarded from Mobile to complete your requisition for June.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servt
W. C. Arthur
A. C. S. Bureau.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Office A. C. S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala June 12th 1867

Arthur H. Le.
To Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith enclose Copy of an order issued to Lieut Dr. Logans A. A. M. at Mobile for the Shipment of the Bacon to fill your requisition for the month of June 1867.

Please notify Lieut Logans by telegraph or mail of the places to which you desire the Bacon sent within your Sub District.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant.
W. C. Arthur.

Moulton June 15th 1867

Gerrit. C. Le.
To Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th inst came to hand on 13th please find enclosed receipt for check &c. You say I may expect a lot of Corn soon I am truly pained if for many are truly suffering in this County. I wrote to you some weeks ago for a Blank Report that I might make at a report of my last Months issuing of both Corn and meat and have not as yet recd any blanks will you please have some forwarded to me that I may make said report.

Very Respectfully &c
G. C. Gerrit agt
Bureau B. D. & A. L.

W. Liberty Council U. S. A
Marshall County Ala. June 15 1867

Keenan J. D.
To Gen John B. Callis

Dear Sir,

The bearer of this letter Edward Ross desires this Council to state to you the facts as far as it is in possession of relative to a case pending between him and Mr Asa Bryant. It appears that said Bryant has in his possession a cow belonging to Ross has her locked up has no claim whatever on the cow that Ross has been get the cow. But Bryant refused to give her up he then applied to Walter M. Cutcheon an acting Justice of the Peace for this Co. for a writ of unlawful detainee of property he refused to issue the desired writ. he then applied to James W. Donnell another Justice of the Peace but he refused to do anything on the grounds that he did not live in the same beat with defendant. He then laid the case before this Council and we advised him to apply to you. So the poor man will even his property in running round to get in possession of it. This man Bryant is no advantage to Society is a noted disloyalist and this Council desires that you make an example of him that it may be a warning to others.

We are Sir very Respectfully Yours
S. J. Keenan Pres

Albert Woodall Secy

Head Quarters District of Ala
Montgomery Ala June 13 1867

Kinsman O. S.
To Gen J. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

General. All communication intended for the Asst Comm or the Office of the Asst Adjt Gen of the Bureau in this State will hereafter be addressed to the Sub. Asst. Comm Dist of Alabama Montgomery Ala

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O. S. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm

War Department RR & A. Lands
Claim Division
Washington D.C. June 15 1867

Bowler J. W.
To Bk Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

General:

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the Claims for bounty in the cases of the following-named discharged Soldiers:

Robert Strong "A" Co. 42 Regt U. S. C. D.
Major Winn "D" " 42 " " " "
Washington Butt "A" " 44 " " " "

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Fowler a. a. g.

War Department RR & A. L
Washington June 11 1867
Circular Letter

Sewall J. S.
To Maj Gen W. S. Sayre

I am directed by the Commissioner to request that you will forward to this Office as soon after the 1st of July proximo as practicable complete reports of Officers and Civilian Agents and Clerks on duty in your district at that date.

In making the Roster of Officers please cause to be given the names, rank, Command, Station and duty, and the Order of assignment to their Station at that time.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. S. Sewall a. a. a. g.
W. S.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 15 1867

A Complete Roster in accordance with the above will
be forwarded by each Sub. Asst. Comr to this Office
on the 1st of July proximo.

By Order
Majr Genl Wager Swayne, A.C.
O. D. Kinsman
Sub. Asst. Comr

O. D. Kinsman S.A.C.
To General M. B. Callis.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 15 1867

General.

In Compliance with instructions
from the Commissioner You will forward to this Office a list of
all paid agents and clerks in your ^{Sub} District who have not
an appointment from the Commissioner in order that appoint-
ments may be made for them.

By Order
Majr Genl Wager Swayne
Asst. Comr.
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst. Comr

Office Bureau Agency R. F. & A. L.
Athens Ala June 17th 1867

J. Danforth
To Genl M. B. Callis

General.

I have the honor to most respectfully
Report that I went to the plantation of W. D. McKimman Co
On Friday the 15th inst and succeeded I hope in permanently adju-
ding the matters of Mr Theodor Harris with the proprietors of that
place. I have smoothed and quieted the rough and turbulent states of
Political & not of personal discord existing between them. I will go to
Morrisonville and adjust the matter between Drs Deering & Smith and Walfling
Just as soon as I can possibly get off

I am Dear Very Respectfully Yours, etc etc
J. Danforth
agt R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau Agency R. F. & A. L.
Athens Ala June 17th 1867

J. Danforth
To Genl M. B. Callis

General.

I have the honor most respect-
fully Report that I received from Capt R. C.
David, and issued to applicants on my
list One hundred and ninety one Bushels
of Public Corn which was donated by private
Citizens for the month of May. the amount was
inadequate to supply all the applicants and
my regular list of monthly applicants as-
mounts in round numbers to three hundred and
Sixty Seven Whites and two hundred and Six Col.
Total five hundred and Seventy three. The Col^d not
having increased any since Report of 25th April

Respectfully Submitted
Your obedient Servant
J. Danforth, Agent
R. F. & A. L.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 14 1867

O. D. Kinsman S.A.C.
To Genl M. B. Callis

General.

By direction of the Asst Comr I found
You have with transportation for two (2) Teachers from Huntsville to
the North, Mr. David Saly, to Bantam Ohio, and Mr. James, D.
Arnold to Port Hope Wisconsin. the transportation being furnished
by Order of the Commissioner. (You will please transmit it to the parties
Concerned. Acknowledging Receipt)

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst. Comr

Head 2d Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 14th 1867

O.D. Kinsman S.A.C.
To Genl In B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General.

General Order No 9 Cantt Series from
this Head District is herewith enclosed.
The Asst. Commr directs that the General Officers and Agents
of the Bureau in this State notify this office of any infraction of the
same.

Very Respectfully,

Your Oth. Servant

O.D. Kinsman

Sub Asst. Commr

O.D. Kinsman S.A.C.
To Genl In B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General.

Head 2d Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 13 1867

A list of Civil Officers appointed
by Military Authority within Your Sub District is herewith for-
warded for Your information and hereafter You will be notified of all
such appointments and removals as they may occur.

Very Respectfully

Your Oth. Servant

O.D. Kinsman

Sub Asst. Comr

Civil Appointments in the Dist of North Alabama

No	Names	Place	Date of Appointment
1	William King	Colbert County	May 21st 1867 Tax Collector
2	Samuel M. Stinson	" "	" " " " Assessor
3	Charles Hinkle	" "	April 26/67 Probate Judge
4	L. C. Coulson	Jackson Co	May 27th 1867 Circuit Clerk
5	Joseph Skidmore	Colbert Co	April 26 1867 " "
6	H. M. Farver	Beat No 5 Morgan County	June 3 1867 Constable
7	Sas W. Lyon	Colbert Co	April 26 1867 Sheriff
8	N. J. Underwood	" "	May 21st 1867 County Treasurer
9	Richard L. Johnson	" "	" " " " Surveyor
10	Hector Atkinson	" "	" " " " {Commissioner of Roads and Revenue}
11	Amstutz Payne	" "	" " " " " " "
12	Sas W. Alexander	" "	" " " " " " "
13	Geo. C. Blanton	" "	" " " " County School Superintendent
14	R. D. Pennington	Franklin Co	June 3 1867 " " "

From C. C.

To Gen John B. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Huntsville Ala June 8. 1867

Dear Sir:-

I beg leave to state a case to you for advice as to whether it is not a case for the Courts and not for me.

Isham M. Daniel a freedman reports Elijah M. Daniel his former master, as follows. Said freedman states that he bought a mule from Elijah M. Daniel and paid for said mule while he was a slave. and after he became free he was still living with Elijah M. Daniel and said Elijah M. Daniel authorized his son James E. M. Daniel to ride said mule to Mississippi - said J. E. M. Daniel afterwards reported that said mule was stolen from him. but has lately stated to said freedman that said mule was not stolen as he had first stated, but was sold by him & this all took place shortly after the surrender. Statement of Elijah M. Daniel while man.

He says the above mule never was the property of said Isham freedman. that he and all his said Isham while a slave. to ride and use said mule as he let others of his slaves use his horses and mules and allowed them to call them their own &c. and that any other slave on his place had as good a right to the horse he claimed as Isham had to said mule. that said Isham never paid him anything on said mule, &c.

I told Isham that I was of the opinion that this case was one that properly belonged to the Courts and not to me. but that I would ask your advice on it & please to give me some advice in this case and answer

Much. Oblige Yours
C. C. Geurin

P.S. When a white man has not got more property than the law allows him exempt from Levy & Sale and by Settlement with a freedman before me for Labor or

or anything else. falls in debt to said freedman and does not pay him. what steps if any can I as a gent. take in said case &c.

Yours Truly

C. C. Geurin

SEB

B. 164

Since writing I talked with Major Examiner & think it a case for our Courts. yet I must gain opinion on it
C. C. G.

Huntsville Ala June 16/1867

Coffee Joshua

To Gen John B. Callis.

Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I wish to make an appeal to you in behalf of a colored man and girl who is an orphan in urgent circumstances, who I wish to send to the Insane Hospital at Tuscaloosa Ala. The circumstances are these. This girl and her family formerly belonged to me. they got scattered during the War. She and her mother being the only ones left. I have kept and taken care of them all the time. but her mother has just died leaving her without anybody to take care of her. The last Legislature of Ala in accordance with the request of the Governor appropriated a part of the Insane Hospital to the colored insane of the State. but by the act the State maintains them after they are admitted but imposes it upon the County they are from to send them there at the expense of the County. but our County finances are in a deplorable condition being heavily in debt and no prospect soon of being any better. So they cannot send her. and my own affairs are in the same condition. So that I have not the means of sending her. And I make this appeal to you to furnish transportation at the expense of the Government. for her and a person to take her there if you can do so. If you will I can employ some one to go with her at my expense and will also furnish her with sufficient clothing provisions &c. I should have stated that she is now eighteen years of age and that until she was seven that she was an unusually

bright child when she began without any apparent cause to become deranged. So that it is probable that if she could be sent to a hospital she might be cured.

For the truth of the above statement I refer you to my friend Capt Pringle the agent at this place.

Very Respectfully,

Joshua Coffey.

I Certify that the above statement is correct.

C. A. Pringle agt.

Courland Ala June 19th 1867

Millon Richard

A Tex & Am B Callis.

Sir:

My Son S. M. Millon wrote to you some time since concerning ad. wages for the year 1866 on D. N. Harris Farm for J. M. Goodfellow and you returned on his letter and sent it back to him saying you would instruct your agent to pay our wages out of the crop belonging to Goodfellow that the freedmen Bureau had in their possession to pay the hands and you also informed Mr Goodfellow when last in Nindville we should be paid. I know every hand would qualify that we attended strictly to our business when the hands went to the field we went with them and when they returned we came with them. We had two farms to attend. and two sets of hands. If we had not attended strictly to the hands they would not have made forty bales of Cotton. Last year was a hard year on the crop. When your agent was in Courland to pay the hands and did pay some of them a portion. Say Sixty cents an the dollar. he says you instructed him not to pay us a cent. you must recollect the amount that would have been due the hands on the 25th day of December 1866. was Eight thousand four hundred and one dollar & 40 cents. But they received during the year four thousand nine hundred and forty dollars leaving a balance due them. Three thousand four hundred and seventy dollars & 40 cents. and we never received a cent. I may be wrong. but I think it is hard. The Law of Ala. makes no distinction between

White and color. give the Salver that just came on the crop. I appeal to you believing you will do right in the matter if you can get a right understanding of the business. I would make no appeal if it was not for the situation it places me in. I am now advanced in years an old man. Six thousand miles from home and my children without one cent and lose my year wages and money also is hard. I think the settlement between Harris administrator and Goodfellow could be settled in a very short time and is as plain as tin and tin make four. I'd get the bills the Cotton sold for (say Eighty six Bales) and divide the amount between the parties and make the administrator of Harris estate pay damage (if any was sustained) by his neglect in not gaining the cotton and delivering it in Courland in proper time. So your agent could have put in market. Then cannot be any difficulty in the business before that time as the Whitakers sell all the difficulty before the turning of the Cotton. Please to excuse me for taking any interest in the matter as I had determined not to do so. But when cut off and not receiving a cent for a hard years work when I know if Goodfellow had had one half of the money the Eighty six bales of Cotton sold for we should all have our pay and a balance over. For the first thirty six bales that was sold must have brought five thousand dollars and the amount turned over to pay the hands only amounts to two thousand one hundred and sixty six dollars. Please to answer and let me know if I can get any redress through you and if not will be obliged to look out some other way to get money to take me to Don.

Your Friend
Richard Millon

W. H. H. H.

To General John B. Wallis

Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to say that all is quiet in Winston and all in for Reconstruction under the Military Bill. The Whites and Freedmen are working harmoniously together. All is going on well. Registration will be commenced in Winston in a few days and will be cheerfully received. A Freedman was killed in my county last August by men that lived in Walker Co. I attended the late Circuit Court at Houston and witnesses summoned to go before the Grand Jury and I obtained an indictment against them for Murder and think that I will be able to have the law brought up to meet Justice at our next Circuit Court. So you I am doing the best I can. I am doing all I can to quiet the angry Element of discord and until the people are like law and order resumed this will ever be my almost sad aim. Will you please arrange my papers soon so that I will get my pay as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau. I am needing what is due me very bad. indeed will you please to attend to my case.

I haven't seen any time that little money would be more acceptable hoping the arrangement will be made for me soon as I am very much pressed for money indeed. attend to this and very much oblige yours hoping to hear from you soon

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

W. H. Hayes. agent
of Bureau R. D. A. L.

Houston Ala June 4th 1867.

Sheets C. C.

To Gen John B. Wallis

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the reports signed and sworn to as directed. I made out one report for the month of May and gave it to (Johnny) your clerk and supposed this would be sufficient. He perhaps lost it, it was when he was down here. whilst you were gone to Louisville Ky.

I am yours Respectfully
C. C. Sheets

Scottsboro Ala June 14th 1867.

Mitchell N. J.

To Gen John B. Wallis

Montgomery Ala.

I received your favor of the 11th inst in which I find a check for forty one dollars for which you have my thanks also I send you the receipt for the same. Excuse me for delay as I have been very busy in investigating the affair of the shooting that occurred near Eastonsville on the 2nd for which I will be able in a short time to give a full report of the affair. I am badly pressed every day for rations. there is some suffering here for bread and meat I await your orders.

Respectfully Yours

N. J. Mitchell

Montgomery Ala June 18th 1867.

Beecher Edwin

To Gen John B. Wallis

Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I enclosed \$265⁰⁰ less 15 cent discount on check in payment of your account for May

Respectfully

Edwin Beecher.

Office Bureau R.R. & A.L.
Athens Ala June 20 1867

Dayfork D.
To Gen. John B. Callis

General:

I herewith enclose report signed and Certified. I made out this report of the residue of my ration and forwarded it about 10th of May ult. Your approbation is very near correct. I also forwarded you a Statement the other day of the amount of Corn I got from M. David. As it was not Government Supplies I did not deem it necessary to make out a Tabular report of it. but I can do so if you will inform me.

Very Respectfully,
D. Dayfork.

Rosedale Miss
June 18th 1867.

Preston Jas.
To Gen. J. B. Callis

Colonel.

I have the honor to inquire hereby if You have heard anything from my application for bounty which was made through You on the 26th day of June 1866 at which dated I filed with You my discharge from the Service of the United States and received Your receipt therefor.

I have C. & the honor to be
Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant
James Preston
Late Member C. E. & A. S. C. & P.

address me at Rosedale
Bolivar Co. Miss Can Railback Webster
who write this for me.

Ct. Gen. J. B. Callis
Capt. B. R. Fr. A. Landes
Huntsville Ala.

See L. S. 47

Cruikshank M. H.
To Hon. W. Noble

Montgomery Ala. June 18 1867

Sir:

Your letter to Gen. Patton of the 15th inst. reached this Office after his departure for North Alabama and has been handed me for reply. We have no funds to purchase Supplies and no contributions that we are advised of coming to N. Ala. In view of this Gen. Wayne at our solicitation has purchased 10,000 Bushels Corn which is now arriving in North Ala. to be distributed through the Agency of the Bureau. Gen. Callis will control the distribution of this Supply and will doubtless act with all promptness in distributing it. You might however call his attention to the immediate and pressing necessities of your people. Hoping that these 10,000 Bushels Corn will relieve the present wants of N. Ala.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servant
M. H. Cruikshank
Comr. for distribute &c.

Dismal Ala. June 21st 1867

Noble C.
To Col. Callis

Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

After my respects suffer me to say to you that there are many very many of our Citizens &c. &c. in Colbert & Franklin Counties and I might add Marion who are actually in a suffering condition they are here by tens twenties and fifties begging for bread. A few thousand bushels now would greatly help them and aid them in others who have nice little crops of the corn be helped to a few bushels for bread just now would more plenty to do for an other year but if they have to quit their

Crops at this time then efforts to make a crop will prove with
main abolition. I know the design is only to feed the hungry
and starving and I only make these suggestions for your
kind consideration. If you think advisable and can
possibly do anything for the last mentioned class I
suggest that it probably would be well for you to instruct
the Agent at this place how and what amount to distri-
bute to such persons. Of immediate relief is what we
need. I send you true Grubbshanks for Patton in relat-
ion to our distress hoping you will favorably consider the
matter.

I am Sir
Yours Obedient Servant
C. Noble
Probate Judge
Colbert County Ala.

Green M. N.
No. 100 South Street

Dussumba Ala. June 21/67

Dear Sir

I saw Mr. Moore to day and he
says the object of his dispatch on yesterday was not to ask you to
return the Corn at export but to confer with him on the
subject. He says that he knows he is bound to deliver the Corn
at So. Moine before he can ask any pay for it. That
he expected to meet you at Dussumba and the object particu-
larly of the dispatch was that you might come down.
I cannot pretend to advise you in the matter. Mr. Moore
appears to be a very nice man and anxious to get wheat
to So. Moine.

Yours Very Respectfully
D. H. Green.

Courtland, Ala. June
May 28/1867

Good fellow M.
J. D. M. Sykes.

Dear Sir:

As you are going to Montgomery
and will see Jim Swayne, I wish to make a statement to you
which I respectfully ask you to lay before him and request
him to indicate what course I am to take.
The whole truth as to Contracts, Operations &c of last year
was before you when the affair between the estate of J. H. Harris
and myself was investigated last January.
Some days before that arbitration I told Maj Jones agent
for this Co. the whole truth that owing to failure on
the part of the Estate to pay Contract. Summer drought,
late rains, early frost &c. I was unable to meet all
my indebtedness, but believing it simply justice that the
Labor that made what was made should be paid for.
I requested him to take charge of my claim and pay the
hands before other claims should come in. He said he would
and seemed glad that I let him know in time.
He took the crop but instead of shipping himself of directly
with Estate. He gave Col Ashford permission as administra-
tor to ship the Cotton and pay the hands there was 43 Bales
at the time ready of the best of the crop. Col A shipped
of 36 Bales but nothing was paid the Labor. I had
no chance to get out the crop in time & I had to move from
the place before the whole crop was ginned & baled. Col
A had transferred the stock to H. C. Smith and could not
well give me the mules to do the work for although the
Dr. James Burman had taken the Cotton. I was bound to
get the crop ready for market. When I found I could
not depend on stock Maj Jones made arrangements with
Ashford to get it out - who agreed to do it at once. This
was Jan 27th and the work ought to have been done in 10 or 12
days as there were 18 or 20 bales ginned and only 24 or 25
to gin & the two accounts to bale. Some of it was baled
& hauled to the Depot & left lay in the wet weather
& no one to take care of it. Maj Jones was relieved later
ner

in the winter but gave his successor no particular instruction in the case and Ashford did not get all out till the latter part of March and was not disposed of till April 25th when the 45 bales from damage from weather cattle & fall in price only brought \$2166. leaving a balance due the hands of some \$1500

Last February Mr. Bynum offered to take the cotton & pay the labor. & Mr. Shackelford & Co. was offered on the plantation 25th per lb.

And in addition Maj. Jones included in his order (which I have) dated Jan'y 11th 67 my Corn fodder hay & Corn in crib for free men while money due & was not able to return. first he had the corn & fodder & hay priced and Corn measured part of the fodder was wasted part hauled to his own stable & the balance remains in the shed and stack just when it was when appraised. The Corn was turned over to a Col^d man but lost in the transaction over one hundred bushels. I asked to keep nothing as I must meet my jump. I wanted my labor to be paid. but I had no idea the free men Bureau would so manage as to bring me into the trouble it has. & respectfully as you to lay the matter before Gen. Duane & ask him to direct me. I have appealed to Gen. Callis but got no ready only Order to Col. Lewis to sell the cotton and pay the hands &c. and the latter seems to dispose to let Ashford after having the divide of the crop to divide by weight when the only true way is divide proceeds of Sale.

on 11th Feb

Yours Very Respectfully
J. M. Grafton

War Department O. R. & A. L.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington D. C. June 18th 1867.

Whittelsey H. M.

No. 1st Brig Gen John B. Callis
Sub Asst Com^r

Newville Ala.

General.

I have the honor to transmit herewith one copy each of Circular Commissioner Bureau O. R. & A. L. Nos 20. 1867. the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter. You will be held responsible for the distribution of same to Officers serving under your direction.

By Order of Maj Gen. O. O. Howard, Com^r

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Henry M. Whittelsey

1st Brig Gen & Chf Qm^r

O. R. & A. L.

McKieman A. S.
To Genl W. B. Ballis

Uthens Ala June 24. 1867

General.

I have the honor to call your attention to an Order received by me from Maj A. C. Weston, ordering me to turn over at once the school house on my plantation to Col. P. People of the place. I have never felt disposed to permit them from using the house for any legitimate purpose & intend to reopen a school for their benefit as soon as I find a Teacher competent and honest. But this man comes & I do not intend shall have anything to do with the school whatever as I am fully prepared to show that he has been tampering with my interests. I recognize no authority in Maj Weston to issue such an Order believing that it is through your hand no such Order should come. Any and all Orders emanating from them will be promptly and cheerfully obeyed. I am fully recognizing your authority and right to control the affairs of the Freedmen in this State.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obedt Servant
A. S. McKieman

Head Quarters, District of Alabama
Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Montgomery Ala. June 22. 1867

Kiisman O. S.
Sub. Asst. Commr.

The uncertainty of mail communication and the remoteness of some of the counties of this State makes it a matter of importance to ascertain the fact that the Boards of Registration in those counties have received their books and instructions and gone vigorously to work, or that, in case of failure to do so, the fact be immediately reported.

With this view you are instructed upon receipt of this Circular, to passers yourself as speedily as possible of personal knowledge upon the points expressed above and report immediately to these Head Quarters. The books of Paths and books of Registration should both by the time you receive this, be in the possession of every board. In order that the freedmen may not be debauched the privilege of Registration or uninformed as to its meaning and intent you will as soon as practicable make the tour of the counties of Sandusdale, Morgan, Limestone, Madison, Jackson, Franklin, Colbert, and Lawrence and will make all legitimate exertions to secure a thorough understanding on their part. The books and instructions intended for the Boards of Registration for the several counties you are directed to visit have been sent by Express to the following points:

For	Sandusdale County	to	Monroe
"	Morgan and Limestone	"	Decatur
"	Madison	"	Leontville
"	Jackson	"	Strenson
"	Franklin & Colbert	"	Incumbria
"	Lawrence	"	Leontville

You will report as often as your mail facilities permit the progress of your journey and your observations on the course of Registration.

By Order of
Maj General Swayne
O. S. Kiisman
Sub Asst Commr

See C. D. 146.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama
Bureau of Land A. L.
Montgomery Ala June 22nd 1867

Kinsman O. S.
To Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

General:

A communication similar to the enclosed has been sent to each Sub. Asst. Commr. As you are about to avail yourself of the leave of absence granted you the Assistant Commissioner desires that a competent officer be selected to perform this duty. You will please confer with Major Occleston on the subject and report the Officer's name by telegraph that he may be directed to perform the duty.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O. S. Kinsman
Sub. Asst. Commr.

Spencer Geo. E.
To Major John Jones.

Decatur Ala. June 26th 1867.

Dear Sir,

General Callis desires me to write you to send to Mr. N. Hyatt Newton Winston Co a blank oath of Office for him to take and also to have him placed on the reports for the present month.

I am Very truly Yours
Geo. E. Spencer.

War Department B. & F. & L.
Claims Division
Washington June 22nd 1867

Fowler Wm.
To Brig Gen D. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Gen.

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claims for arrears of pay &c in the cases of the following named deceased Soldiers:
Andrew Wesley E. Co. 1st Regt 46th N.Y. Art.
Dodge Wesley A. " " " " " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Fowler A. A. G.

War Department B. & F. & L.
Claims Division
Washington June 22nd 1867.

Fowler Wm.
To Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Gen.

I am directed by the Maj Gen Commr &c to inform you that the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury has called upon this office for a copy of the Commission of Liorce W. Day M. S. Commr to be certified to by the Clerk of a Court of Record.

Mr. Day's official seal and signature must be upon the copy of Commission.

I am Gen
Very Respectfully
Wm. Fowler
A. A. G.

Head. Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office A. B. Bureau
Montgomery Ala June 24 1867

Arthur H. A.
To Gen D. B. Ballis
Nimbleville Ala.

General

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst I enclose letter from Brander and Crawford; from these you will ascertain the terms of purchase.

Any action you may take to protect the interest of the Government will be approved at these Head Quarters.

Very Respectfully &c
H. C. Archer
A. B. Bureau.

Head. Quarters Dist of Ala.
Department of Claims
Montgomery. Ala. June 23 1867

Green. S. C.
To. Bt Brig Gen D. B. Ballis
Nimbleville Ala.

Gen.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst forwarding a petition of the loyal people of Nimbleville, praying that Hon A. D. Applegate be appointed Judge of the City Court of Nimbleville.

General Swayne is at present absent from this city for a few days. immediately on his return I will lay the matter before him, and I doubt not but that he will at once nominate Mr Applegate to Gen Pope for the appointment.

The nomination of Mr. Green for City Clerk was made last week. his appointment will be forwarded as soon as needed at these Hd Qrs.

Very Resp
S. C. Green
Bt Maj U.S.A. a.a.s.

Montgomery Ala June 24 1867

Sheffield J. L.
To Gen John B. Ballis

Sir.

Yours of the 18th inst enclosing report for me to sign is at hand. On the 18th inst I enclosed to you & sent by Capt J. B. Johnson report which I hope you have received my report of April 23 shows I received two thousand pounds of Bacon and four hundred and sixteen sacks Corn supposed to be seven hundred and twenty eight bushels - that I issued fourteen hundred and sixteen pounds Bacon (1410⁰⁰) and six hundred and ninety bushels of Corn leaving on hand five hundred and ninety pounds of Bacon (590) and thirty eight bushels "Spoist" Corn 38; on the 12th may I issued the Bacon on hand and sold the "Spoist" Corn & sent you report of the same & paid you the \$23⁰⁰ the Spoist Corn brought. I cannot see where the two hundred and twenty four bushels of Corn is an error in my January report. I showed a balance of one hundred & fifty bushels Corn on hand - it was afterwards issued & I failed to carry it up in my next report. Mr. Crutshank wrote me of the oversight & requested me to make out the report & send to him which I did. I hope you recd the report for Capt Johnson is right if not untrue & I will make it out again.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. L. Sheffield.

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama O.R.D. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala June 28 1867

Krusman O.D.
B. Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General.

The enclosed bills for transportation
Storage &c. on Government Stores in March 1866. were received at
this office without letter of transmittal. They are referred to
you for report as to the correctness of the claims.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
O. D. Krusman
Sub. asst. Comm.

The United States

on account of Govt Stores for Dekalb Co. Ala

Dr

To Hollingsworth & Moragne

March 30 1866. Storage on 335 Pkgs 20^c 67.00

The above bill is for Storage at Gadsden Ala. a portion of the
goods are still in our warehouse 8 Bbls Pork & 40 Bbls Hams &c.
Our charges may seem heavy but it must be borne in mind that
these goods have been in our warehouse for 15 months.

Gadsden Ala
June 18 1867.

Respectfully,

Hollingsworth & Moragne

The United States.

on acc of Govt Stores for Dekalb Co. Ala

Dr

To Steamer Undine

March 28 1866. Freight on 287 Bbls Hams & 48 Bbls Pork.

31150 lbs at 2^d class rates Co.

186.90

By 2 Bbls Pork Lost \$30-

60.00

126.90

The United States

on acc of Govt Stores for Dekalb Co. Ala

To Mfg D. M. Perry & Co

Nov 20 1866. Receiving forwarding Cooperage &
Storage on 335 Pkgs at Home Ga.

\$175.2

See E.B. 172

Office Sub. asst Comm O.R.D. & A.L. Dist of Ala.
Huntsville Ala June 29 1867

O'Connell H.B.
Bt. Major

War Department O.R.D. & A.L.
Claims Division Washington June 15 1867

Krusman O.D.

Bt. Major Gen Wagon Swayne
Montgomery Ala.

General:

I am directed by the Major General Commissioner
to state that claim agents are in some cases endeavoring
to avoid the limitation of their fees prescribed in the
Joint Resolution of March 29 1867 by inducing claimants
to pay sums additional to those which are allowed and
paid to the agents by this Bureau.

You are requested therefore
to direct all of your officers & agents who may be interested
with the disbursements of bounties. to impress upon
claimants the fact that all fees and expense of attys
and all monies loaned by them are deducted from the
amount of the bounty and paid to the Attorney by this
Bureau.

You are also requested to report to
this Office all cases which may come to your knowledge
in which attorneys have asked or received from a claimant
paid through this Bureau any sum of money whatever for service
rendered in presenting his claims.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt

(Signed) H. Fowler. A.A.G.

Head Qrs Dist of Ala.

Montgomery Ala June 25 1867

Respectfully referred to Bt. Major Gen J. B. Callis Sub. asst
Comm at Huntsville Ala. for his information & guidance

By Order of
Major Gen Wagon Swayne
O.D. Krusman
Sub. asst. Comm

Hansen. Billy.
To Col. Callis.

Moonsville Ala June 24 1867.

When I saw you last you directed me to go to work + Mr. Sheets would attend to my business with Dr. Stuart. I have never had a letter nor have I heard from him either one way or another. Please write me by Austin what course to pursue in this case.

Very Respectfully &c
Billy Hansen.

Athens Ala. June 25 1867.

Hells M. J.
To Gen. Callis.

The Deuts are pitched many thanks by our kind and I write this note to correct a wrong impression that my messenger thinks he made upon you or some of the gentlemen in your office. I thought I stated in my note to you that our Public exhibition would not be till Thursday night. I meant to do so. and hope I did not in my haste omit to send a cordial, earnest & general invitation to the Bureau. We have not expected you, as you assured us that your multitude of duties would probably prevent your coming nevertheless should the light of your countenance happen to shine upon us reflected glory at least should beam on you.

We hope to see Messrs K. and J. on Thursday night. and though we are minus the brazen trumpets that added so much to my Gaiety. Entertainment in Huntsville yet we think the vocal powers of our pupils sweeter than will be like their pleasant songs and their goodness.

Very hastily

M. J. Hells.

War Department. O. R. & A. S. Claims
Washington D.C. June 24 1867

Dowler. Jm

To Gen. Dr. Callis.

General.

I have the honor to enclose with Circular from Pension Office in the claim for pension of the widow of Nelson. Murphy late Lt Col "K" 111 U.S.C. With the required evidence and enclosed Circular please return this letter.

Dear General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Jm Dowler.

A. A. Genl

Sedberg S. L.
To Maj. Gen. Swaine.
Montgomery Ala.

The complaint of S. L. Sedberg a citizen of Centre Cherokee Co. Ala. Swaine that some time in January 1866. he swapped a mule for a gray gelding about sixteen hands high supposed to be at the time between eight & nine years old, and ever since has had said horse in his use and possession in and about his little farm. That said horse has a brand on the left shoulder but was very indistinct. Supposed to be the "U. S." brand appearing as if another brand or mark had been put over it and has not been altered since said horse came into possession. That he came honestly and fairly into the possession of said horse and he is the only horse owned by him and all his chance for the claim. That on the 30th day of May 1867. one Capt. Mike Filbrick a citizen of DeKalb County Ala. came and presented to him a paper purporting to be from Col. Callis Huntsville Ala. to take said horse from his possession and deliver said horse to Sand L. Nicholson a citizen of LeFlore DeKalb Co Ala. who had an adverse claim to the same as being the owner.

Horse once owned by him said Nicholson, and alleges he was taken from his possession by the Federal in 1864.

That he knew the horse once owned by said Nicholson which he alleges was so taken and is satisfied the said horse taken under the order purporting to be from Col Callis is not the horse once owned by said Nicholson.

That he was told by said Gilbreath that the Gilbreath had authority to hear proof and decide the title to said horse between him and said Nicholson and notified him to appear at Lebanon DeKalb Co. twenty miles distant from this place on the 7th day of June 1867 to contest the claim of said Nicholson.

That he assumed said Gilbreath became bringing up at once witnesses to prove that said horse was not the horse once owned by said Nicholson. That said Gilbreath replied "if Nicholson failed to prove the horse to be the one he lost, that the said horse was the property of the Federal Govt and he would not restore him to the undesignated but would keep possession of said horse to await Col Callis Order."

He therefore asks such aid from Military Headquarters as may be necessary to regain the possession of his horse. And he thinks it his duty to state that he as a citizen who in the beginning of the late trouble was Southern in all his acts and feelings and continued to be so till the close of the war, in which he was never enlisted as a Soldier and accepted of the Sumner in good faith and has ever since been willing to abide the law and orders of the Government.

He presents this his Complaint supported by the affidavits of William Vinson John H. Vandyke and L. H. Echols accompanying the same.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me 31st day May 1867

L. J. Standifer
Judge of Probate.

(Sign) S. H. Seaberg

over

State of Alabama }
Cherokee County } ss

On this 30th day of May 1867 before me L. J. Standifer Judge of Probate of said County personally appeared at one and the same time William Vinson L. H. Echols & John H. Vandyke who after being each severally & respectively sworn do each jointly say as follows.

That they have resided many years in Centre & for several years was neighbor to S. L. Nicholson who now lives at Lebanon DeKalb Co. Ala. that during the time said Nicholson lived in Centre & for some time after they were well acquainted with a gray horse said Nicholson then owned and used about the village of Centre saw said horse very often for several years. That they are also well acquainted with a grey horse owned and used by S. H. Seaberg of Centre for the last year and upwards. That said horse bought & owned by Seaberg & which was taken from his possession on the 30th day of May 1867 by one Capt Michael Gilbreath of DeKalb Co. Ala to deliver to said Nicholson as each of affiants heard said Gilbreath say was done under order from Col Callis is not the horse once owned as claimed by said Nicholson but is in truth & in fact another & different horse altogether both in size and form.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 30th day May 1867

L. J. Standifer
Judge of Probate.

Subscribed 17th

J. H. Vandyke
L. H. Echols
Wm Vinson. Jr.

Beecher, Edwin
to Gen D B Wallis.
Huntsville Ala.

Montgomery Ala. June 28/67

General:

Return again the enclosed papers. Several letters were on my desk and forwarded before the wrong one. Accidents you know will happen in the best regulated families.

Yours Truly
Edwin Beecher

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office Chief of M. B. D. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. June 29/67

Browning, G. F.
Adj. Brig Gen D. B. Wallis
Sub Adj. Comd
Huntsville Ala.

General

I have the honor to inform you that receipts due this office for Stationary shipped to you on the 28th of May, have never been received, and as I will be compelled to make certified invoices of the same to complete my returns for month of June 1867, it is essential that receipts be forwarded immediately in order to facilitate the settlement of accounts at Washington.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo F Browning
Bt Maj & Chf of M.

Pr. Walker

Chief Clerk

in absence of Chf of M.

Trinity School
Athens Ala. July 1/67.

Wells, M. J.
to Gen. Wallis.

Enclosed please find reports for June. It is ever so many days behind time. I am very much ashamed of my tardiness but that don't help it.

Our Examination and Exhibition have occupied us so thoroughly, that all else has yielded to the one idea of Success and Victory over the bitter prejudices of our Rebel neighbors. The closing exercises of our school have proved a grand triumph! On Thursday night we had a white audience. "Think of it - picture it" and they cheered and cheered with apparent delight and enthusiasm all through the exercise. When the Star Spangled Banner was sung patriotic declamation won rounds of applause. Of course I did not ask these Rebel boys and girls whether their especial vibrations were caused by the sentiments expressed or the manner in which our pupils uttered them. Every one seemed glad they came and very brave now bring us the heartiest applause!

But no - I think Capt Bingham is almost ready to hate us just because the Rebels spare us. Of him however I will speak when I see you.

I expect to go to Chattanooga this week and call at Huntsville on my return, as I want to consult you in regard to the captain's occupation of a portion of this house in our absence.

He is taking possession of his office today. He annoys me so that I could almost see the house go to the shades rather than have him in it. Pardon this one burst. I am very polite to all Radicals and so everything goes smoothly.

The tents were of great service to us. I have you. I have promised to ship them for one to say hope they will have safe conduct. We were greatly disappointed in seeing our Huntsvilleans at our entertainment.

Yours Very Truly
M. J. Wells.

Memphis Tenn July 1st 1867

Kelly Wells
To Gen Callis

Sir

I would like to know if you have heard any thing of my bounty or not. If you have or have not please send me word when you think you will have it for me and I will come up to Huntsville. I am working at the Memphis and Charleston Railroad foundry. I will send this letter by Crakerman Maston and you can send in return by him.

Your obedient servant

Kelly Wells

Kirk H. H.
To Gen Dm B Callis

Dear Sir

Mr. John Deering came again to me today and informed me that Mr. Saurforth had done nothing at all in his case. Saurforth went down to Mooresville and saw Messrs. Haffey & Smith and then told him (Deering) that H & S. had lost money last year and that the niggers would have to make him good and there is where the matter sits now. I think matters need a little looking into in this County. Mr. D. seems determined to clear H & S. any how. I hope Gen the matter will be attended to and is seeing has been wronged he may be righted.

H H Kirk

Mooresville June 30th

New Market Ala. June 29th 67

Meniman G. W.
To Mr Callis

I take the opportunity of addressing you these few lines to inform you of that pistol case between Mr Andy Morgan and G. W. Meniman, the Col's School Teacher in New Market. I have delivered the letter to the Justice of the Peace but it will not be worked on till next Saturday. I don't think it will amount to much but if I am not treated "silly" I will let you know by writing. The Justice of the Peace tried to get me to make it up with Mr Morgan but I did not do so. The gentleman that wrote that letter to the Justice of the Peace told me to write to him and let him know what was said about it. I can't let you know much about it now but I will write to you next Saturday.

Yours Truly

G. W. Meniman

Bureau of Education
Montgomery Ala June 28th 67

Buckley C. W.
To Miss M. J. Wells
Athens Ala

Enclosed find vouchers for signatures yourself & Gen Callis. The accounts must be in its present form before the Disbursing Officer will receive it.

I am

Very Resp^{ly}

C. W. Buckley

Supt Education

Athens Ala July 1st 67

Wells M. J.
Gen Callis

I send you vouchers today with accompanying letter from Mr Buckley. Will you please affix signature & forward to Montgomery. Very Respectfully

M. J. Wells

Gallashoe b.
Merrill & others

To Gen. Hagen Swagard

Tusculum Ala June 7th 67

Sir we the undersigned colored people of Tusculum having failed in many instances to get Justice at the hands of Mr Green the Bureau Bureau and also as a Justice of the Peace and also at the hands of Mr Norman another Justice of the Peace we therefore humbly beg you to remove them from their office and appoint in their place Mr Anderson as Justice & J. Bureau and F. L. Wingo in Normans place so that we may for the future obtain our just dues and much oblige

Signed Char Gallashoe Geo. Merrill

Dayton Jackson & others.

See E.B. 175.

McDonald, J. Wade
To. W. H. Jones

Huntsville Ala. July 3rd 1867.

Sir

I have the honor to state that the boy Charles Nall (cos) left Huntsville Ala with me and in company June 31st 1867. Remained with me until June 15th 1867 at which time he left me clandestinely at Scooba Keuper County Miss. induced to do so. I have no reason to doubt through the influence and persuasions of one Samie Mattley. Said Mattley lives in Chickasaw County Miss four miles from Okalona. Said Mattley is to the best of my knowledge and belief an unmitigated scoundrel and will probably refuse to give any information concerning the whereabouts of the boy whom I believe to be at his home at least in his company. A man named Boatwright also one named A. F. Myers both of whom live near Okalona will be certain to know where the boy is.

See D. D. 1867 page 65. book 6.

Yours Maj

Very Respectfully

J. Wade McDonald

Office acting Comm of Sub. O.D. & a L
Montgomery Ala. July 1st 67

Sumner, J. W.

To. W. H. Jones

Huntsville Ala.

Maj.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated June 27th 67. Copies of letter referred to you will please find enclosed. Col Arthur is absent at Mobile and will not be here until about the 4th inst. In case these letters are not the letters he intended to forward you he will doubtless make the correction when he arrives.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant

J. W. Sumner

Louisville Ky June 12th 1867.

Oranville & Crawford
To. W. H. Arthur

Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure on the 6th inst and are today in receipt of your favor of 7th inst. when Mr Crawford got to Evansville he found the Laura in a condition unfit to load, and had to lay her up. He immediately however made arrangements with the Steamer "Amanda" to carry the coal and re-ship it at Evansville. About 3000 sacks will be loaded today and will likely reach South Florida by 16th or 17th inst and the balance will leave Evansville next Saturday and reach destination two or three days later.

Trusting that every thing will prove satisfactory, we remain

(Signed) Most Respectfully
Oranville & Crawford

Elliott J. M.
To Gen. D. B. Ballis.

Rome Ga. July 5 1867

Dear Sir

I sent you per mail a voucher for
freight carried on the boat from this place by Fairs and
Comigned to D. O. Timentine the voucher sent you was
Received and I hoped to receive a remittance before this but
have not heard from you since.

much obliged

See E.B. 178.

Your prompt attention will

Your Obedt Servant
J. M. Elliott
a.g.

Hubert Ala. July 19 1867

Mitchell Sarah
To Gen. D. B. Ballis.

I have declined having my money sent
to be collected and will be much obliged to you if you
will forward it to me immediately + please send me
a receipt also from the Express agent for getting any
thing is any uncertain here in this office.

Very Respectfully
Sarah Mitchell

War. Department O.R. & A.S.
Civil Division Washington June 28 '67

Fowler Wm
To Gen. D. B. Ballis.

I have the honor to enclose herewith forms
of affidavits required by the 2^d Auditor before the claims of
Jesse Kett and Charles Jenkins both formerly private Co.
4th N. S. C. T. will be settled.

With the affidavits please return this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm Fowler
a.g.

War Department O.R. & A.S. Civil Division
Washington June 29 1867

Fowler Wm a.g.
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Ballis
The enclosure also

General.

I am directed by Major General
O. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day
of papers in the claims for bounty in the cases of the following -
named Soldiers

Solomon Patton N. Co 15th Regt U. S. C. I.

Abner Patton Co 101 " " "

Timothy Robinson Co 12 " " "

also papers in claim for arrears of pay & on account
of Lawrence Harris dec'd Pri Co. D. S. U. S. Troops

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
Wm Fowler

Asst Adjt Genl

Office acty Comy Sub. O.R. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala July 3 1867

Arthur W. C.
To Bt Brig Gen. D. B. Ballis

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your reports for the months of March, April & May 1867.
Report for the month of May is herewith returned for correction of
the following errors

White men 649 should be 669.

Aggregate 12376 should be 12426

Total No. Men 3246 should be 3046.

Total No. bushman issued 6607 should be 6447.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

W. C. Arthur

Adj Bureau

Valhurnood Springs July, 1867

Sugars Hauncey
Do Cal Lagers.

Will you be kind enough to let me know when I can get the money for the claim you have of me deceased son or rather the bounty that is coming down very needy and if you will write me and let me know I shall come over to Huntsville first. Direct your letter to Hauncey Sugars Valhurnood Springs Ala
Very Respectfully,
Hauncey Sugars.

Memphis Tenn July 5th 67

Cornelius M. E.
To Mr Galtark

Sir.

Since I left your place I have sent to your place for my children they are staying with Mr Thrasher (Col) and he will not let them come home I can keep them here as I have as I have plenty of work to support them I have been living with him but I want him to marry him and he would not and so I left him and now if you can do anything for me I wish you would

Mr Eliza Cornelius.

Office of the Com State of Alabama
B. B. P. & S. Montgomery Ala July 5th 67.

Perceiving Genl
To Col Brig Gen J. B. Lillis
Huntsville Ala.

General:

Your monthly accounts transmitted to Bureau for the month of April 1867. Have been received, examined and forwarded to the Commissioner, Bureau A. S. & A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major General Hays, Brigadier General.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Edw. J. Perceiving
At Major A. A. G. M. Bureau A. S. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala. July 3rd 1867.

Beecher Edw
To Gen J. B. Lillis

General:

Enclose for \$935.89 less 2.34
discount of 1/4 of one percent well balanced \$935.89 in payment of the following claims

account current for June 1867 except three	
account returned	928.89
H. M. C. Anelly (for S. Fitch)	6.50
S. Fitch Postage	100
	935.89

The following accounts are returned for caution.
Sara Bradford and Sara Jones. They must show the day of the month as well as the month.
D. C. Rugg should be made out of Form 12 and show that the property have been properly accounted for.

Please advise me of receipt of this.
Very Respectfully,
Edw. Beecher

Office Asst. Commissioner State of Alabama
Bt. Maj. S. Montgomery Ala. July 5. 1867

Browning Geo F
To Brig Gen John B. Lellis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
Your monthly accounts. Stores
pertaining to Bureau for the month of March 1867 have been
received, examined and forwarded to Commissioner Bureau
R. Paul A.S. at Washington D.C.

By Order of Maj Gen Hager Swaine
Asst. Commissioner
Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
Geo F Browning
Bt. Maj. & a. g. m. Bureau R. Paul A.S.

Office Asst. Comr. State of Ala. Bt. Maj. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 5. 1867

Browning Geo F
To Brig Gen John B. Lellis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
Your monthly accounts. g. m.
Stores & C. & E. g. m. Sept for the month of May 1867.
have been received, examined and forwarded to g. m. Gen
U. S. A. through the Commissioner. Bureau R. Paul A.S. at
Washington D.C.

By Order of Maj Gen Hager Swaine Asst. Comr.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
Geo F Browning
Bt. Maj. & a. g. m. Bureau R. Paul A.S.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama
Office Chief Quartermaster Bt. Maj. S. A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 5. 1867

Browning Geo F
To Bt. Maj. Gen S. D. B. Lellis
A. A. G. M. Huntsville Ala.

General:
Your return of Stores pertaining to Bureau for May
1867 has been examined at this office and is returned for correction
of the following irregularities to wit:

Issues of Clothing belong-
ing to the Bureau, when made to dependent Refugees & others,
will be received for by them on a receipt roll similar to form
52 g. m. Sept. witnessed by a third party. These rolls are
to be entered on voucher No 42. (Stores Expended) "At the end of
the Monthly return and filed therewith as a Sub Voucher"
It is thought that the issue of Cotton Cloth, set opposite
the name of Carolina Harris is too large.

By Order of Major Gen Hager Swaine
Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
Geo F Browning
Bt. Maj. & Chf. Qr. M.

Office Adly Comr. of Subsistence Bt. Maj. S. A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 6. 1867

Arthur W. L.
To Bt. Brig Gen S. D. B. Lellis
Huntsville Ala.

General:
I have the honor to request that you account for the
following supplies transferred to you by Bt. Maj. T. A. Edgerly A.S. & Co.
November 23. 1866. 536 pounds Bacon 163.15 pounds of Corn
November 24. 1866. 15313 " " 4389.0 " " "
November 25. 1866. 7609 " " 1963.15 " " "

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
W. L. Arthur
A. G. Bureau

New Market, Ala.
July 8th 1867

Rice O.
To Gen. D. B. Hallis.

Sir:

As one of the Justices of the Peace for New Market precinct. I have caused A. J. Morgan (who molested G. M. Merriam, Col.) to be brought before me and on examination in presence of said Merriam it was satisfactorily settled by the parties.

Given under my hand this the 8th day of July 1867.

Thos Rice J.P.

Post Quartermasters office &c
Louisville Ky July 8th 1867.

Hamill S.R.

Bt S. Col & asst. qm.

To Col. Maj John Jones
7th Vt. Cav

Huntsville Ala.

Major -

Enclosed please find my check No 417 on the 20th Sep of this city and to your order for \$33⁴² in payment of your account for Corps of Qrs & fuel for June 1867.

amty to

35²⁵
, '16

Dax

Please acknowledge contents and oblige

Very Respectfully

Your att. Servant

S. R. Hamill

Bt S. Col & asst. qm.

Greensville Ala July 7th 1867

Pointer W. J.
To Gen. J. B. Hallis.

Gen.

We have been very much disappointed in regard to our nation business, as yet we have received some hands. There is at the time an actual destitution among a large portion of this County. They have neither money nor have they any interest in the wheat crop. too poor to help themselves in any respect. You will please send us the nation soon as you can.

The Conservative party as they call themselves are very much opposed to me and reconstruction also. At the same time we will carry this County for our cause. The League is strengthening every day. As if the matter is prospering as well every where else in the State we are bound to carry the State for A. H. Smith as Gov. You will be sure and answer on receipt of this from Yours Truly.

W. J. Pointer

July 8th 1867.

Pointer W. J.
To Gen. J. B. Hallis.

Dear Gen.

It is the request of many of the Citizens of Daine Co that I should be Bation Agent & Broom Agent for them. please notice this and if you feel a disposition to entrust me with the office I will try & discharge my duty. Now Gen I need some instructions from you when a white man and colored gets into a fight. It is my duty to try the case, or should the County officers take it in hands. I want the Freeman to have justice and I fear the civil authorities will hardly give it to him.

Your hum ble Servant

W. J. Pointer

Office of the Court
 10th July 1867

Danforth
 To Maj. D. Jones
 Lachy Sub West Com.

Major

I received your favor of the 3rd inst. enclosing the statement of H. H. Black - Smith & Halfley had a settlement with Mrs. Seaming and the other free men with whom they furnished on shares last year. Seaming and all the others choosing referees to settle for them. The referees had the contract to go by and decided that the produce raised by the parties fell \$4,000 short of paying the actual expenses incurred. According to contract Smith & Halfley found everything and the free men in only furnished the labor and the result was as above stated. The papers and decisions an oath of the referees was submitted to me and I could not do otherwise than sustain it. All parties seemed to be satisfied except Mrs. Seaming. It is well known that failures were general last year and where the free men contracted to farm on shares they very frequently lost their labor while those concerned with them lost the capital invested -

I have only recently found the whereabouts of Mrs. Seaming is the reason why I have not before investigated this case. I now have all parties notified to appear at this office on the 13th for that purpose and shall make a proper report of the result.

I think if Mr. Black would interest himself a little more in the welfare of the hands that worked for him two years ago for nothing he would come nearer doing his duty. He is broke and they can get nothing out of him. Genl. Lellis knows something about him. If there is anything in this County concerning the Bureau that we looking after it has never yet come under my cognizance as my whole time is exclusively and entirely devoted to the business as our citizen of the county will testify.

Please excuse this rambling long letter

Very Respectfully, Wm. H. Seaman

D. Danforth agt.

Office of the Court

Declarator 10th July 1867

Sheats, C. C.
 To Maj. D. Jones

Seaming.

I have investigated the case where Patrick A. Heenrich (Colt) is plaintiff and E. Madkins, Dan Nelson & Smith Housey are defendants - The witnesses being sworn and examined Dawson Garth (Colt) states he was not present when the row began but after he got there that Patrick threw an axe at Madkins and that Madkins struck him three or four times with the handle of an axe which he had in his hand. Samuel Seaming (Colt) states that Housey was striking with a hoe but don't know whether he hit Patrick or not as he could not tell Patrick being behind a tree from him. He further states that Madkins and Patrick both threw a rock neither struck their object - John Bustell states that he was present when the difficulty commenced and says that Madkins told all the hands to go to work and told Patrick to take some water to the field it being his time to take water as the hands were in carrying out water to drink whilst they were in the field Patrick replying he would not do it and saying he would not work any more. Madkins replying he would report him to Mr. Gibbs and have him flogged - Patrick replied that he Madkins had already been telling Sam Seaming on him. Madkins said at him as he said Patrick threw a rock when Madkins stopped picked up an axe then struck Patrick on the head and shoulders with it several times. Housey struck Patrick with his hoe two or three times - Patrick then got away from them ~~near the house~~ and threw an axe then saw in the house Ann Garth (Colt) - States she was in the house heard the fuss came out saw Madkins throw a rock. Patrick threw back at him neither hit - Madkins then threw an axe hit no one. Housey struck Patrick with his hoe. Dan Nelson threw and struck Patrick with a rock. Patrick threw an axe back at Madkins - Ann Mc Donnell (Colt) states she saw Madkins hit Patrick.

Branch Office Freedmen's Savings & Co.
Savannah Ga. June 11th 1867.

Harris Saml. L.
To L. Robinson Esq.
Cushman

Rent of your Bank building from May 1st should be paid to the owner by the Disbursing Officer of the Bureau.

In order that the building may be put on the proper form you should make application to the Asst Commissioner giving name of owner number of rooms furnished and amount charged per month.

The building will probably be put on Form 25 of the proper officer and the rent paid in the usual manner. Thus you have to yourself pay the rent, because it is an encumbrance for the officer or for any other cause. You should take the receipt on the proper form furnished you by the Disbursing Officer and he would then be able to reimburse you.

Yours Truly,
Saml L Harris
General Inspector.

Office Freedmen's Savings & Trust Co.
Huntsville Ala July 3rd 1867

Robinson L.
To Maj Gen Wager Swaine.
Montgomery Ala.

General.

In compliance with the enclosed letter of Saml L Harris Gen Inspector F. S. & Co. Savannah Ga. June 11th 67. I have the honor to report. Directed from Mr Robinson one room for the use of F. S. & Co. in the City at the rate of Ten Dollars per month. I respectfully ask that the same be placed on the proper form and the necessary blanks be furnished to enable me to make out the proper vouchers for the rent of the office at the end of each month.

See B 179

Dear Sir Very Respectfully
Lafayette Robinson
Cushman

Office R. F. & A. S.
Florence Ala. July 11th 1867.

Peuge C. A.
To Gen J. B. Ballis.
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir.

On the night of the 5th inst. the U.S. Flag was indignantly torn from over my office and has not yet been found nor any clue had to the perpetrator, notwithstanding the "respectable" Citizens of Florence together with the Mayor & Aldermen have acted promptly and energetically in the matter as you will see from the enclosed extract from our Florence Journal.

I am Yr Obedt Servant
C. A. Peuge
R. F. & A. S.

Head Quarters. District of Alabama
Office of Gen. R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 9th 1867

Browning Gen F.
To Bt Brig Gen D. B. Ballis
Huntsville Ala.

General.

Your return stores pertaining to Bureau for June 1867 are withheld; and abstract "D" of the same, returned for correction.

Your attention is respectfully directed to instructions contained in my letter of the 5th inst. relative to the issue of stores pertaining to Bureau on receipt roll.

By Order of Maj Gen Wager Swaine

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Gen. F. Browning

St Wager & Co.

Office Asst Comr State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. Sanders
Montgomery Ala. July 9th 1867.

Browning Gen. F.
To Bt. Brig Gen Dns B. Ballis.

Sir:

Your Monthly accounts of M
Store & Co. & G. Egger Sept for the month of June 1867, have
been received, examined and forwarded to G. M. Genl Refa.
through the Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. Sanders at
Washington D.C.

By Order of Maj Gen Hagen Sargent Asst Comr
Very Respectfully, &c

Gen F. Browning

Bt. Maj & A. G. M. Bureau R. F. & A. Sanders

War Department O.R. F. & A. S.
Claim Division
Washington D.C. July 9th 1867.

Fowler Wm.
To Bt. Maj Gen Dns
S. A. C. Bureau

Keuntzville Ala.

Major

I am directed by Maj Genl O. C.
Howard Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day
of papers in the claim of for bounty in the case of the
following named discharged Soldiers:

Francis Barnett "D" Co 44 Regt U. S. C. & D.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Asst Adj Genl

S. A. C. Bureau

War Department O.R. F. & A. S.
Claim Division
Washington D.C. July 9th 1867

Fowler Wm.
To Bt. Brig Gen Dns B. Ballis
S. A. C. Keuntzville Ala.

General

I have the honor to return herewith
the papers you forwarded in the father's claim on account of Saurance
Harris late of Co. D. 15th U. S. C. & D.
A new application on proper forms is required.

Attention is invited to the claims relating to "fathers
claim for arrears of pay, &c" in pamphlet printed instructions
from this office.

With new application please retain this letter.

I am Genl

Very Respectfully, &c

Wm. Fowler

a. a. G.

Keuntzville Ala

July 5th 1867.

Sheffield D. S.
To Maj Gen Dns

Sir:

I received your endorsement on my
letter to Genl Ballis requesting me to sign & report of Supplies
issued that was forwarded to report me of date of June 18th and
also that I was the only agent that had failed to report
promptly. I have already made two reports & found in
reference to the Supplies issued asked for now & I now
enclosed the third report which I hope will be satisfactory.

Respectfully

D. S. Sheffield

Guatemilla Ala July 10th 1867.

Printer W. J.
To Gen. D. B. Ballis.

Dear Sir:

I want some information in regard to Col. Daniel S. Sheffield - whether you gave him an order to me for 30 sacks of Corn or not and write to me whether I must pay it or not. He says he paid out thirty seven dollars for freight on Corn and Bacon, and wants me to pay for it. He says the order is to Mrs. W. Sickey and as he resigned he now wants me to pay the same but I will nothing in it until I receive instruction from you on the matter.

Genl. I wish you to give us a Freedmen's School at Guatemilla as the Freedmen request us to apply for the same.

Very Respectfully

W. J. Pointer apt.

Atkins Ala July 12th 1867

Wells W. J.
To Mr. J. Jones.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find advertisement for sale of Sulphur House now occupied by Freedmen's School.

Dr. Sewell the Creditor for whose benefit the sale is proposed mentioned the matter to me two or three months ago. I brought it before Gen. Callis who said it could not be sold, and if the sale was admitted he would issue an order forbidding it. As he is away from the office I present the matter for your adjustment. I want to leave for the north next week and shall be very thankful if it can be satisfactorily arranged in time for me to go on Wednesday.

Dales last year's Lease of same property which Paul Callis promised to renew or extend for one year.

Very Respectfully

W. J. Wells

Supt. F. S. Atkins

S. apt. A. M. A. & W. F. A. S.

Montgomery Ala
July 13th 1867.

Bucher, Edwin
To Gen. D. B. Ballis.

Genl.

I Enclosed check no 862 for \$16⁰⁰ in your favor for the payment of the following claims:

D. C. Rugg	7.00	
Sam'l Dms.	3.00	
Sam'l Bradford	1.00	\$16.00

As the amount is so small I send 4 checks instead of paper.

Please advise me of its receipt.

Respectfully

Edwin Bucher

Office B. R. P. & A. S.

Houston Ala July 9th 1867

Keyde W. H.
To Mr. Jones.

Guatemilla Ala

Sir

Enclosed you will find my oath of office subscribed to as required by you. Dales have signed a new report of issues the first being defective as stated by Gen. Ballis which you will find enclosed and hope it will have the desired effect should it be necessary to have my signature to your papers or requisition please sign please sign on my name for me and it will be all right with me.

Respectfully

W. H. Keyde apt

B. R. P. & A. S.

B R F & S Sub Asst of Memphis
Office Sub Asst Comm
Memphis Tenn June 3 1864

Kendrick H. H.
Post S. H. Groshuck
A. A. A. G.

Nashville Tenn
Sir

Thornton Radford late of Co D
101. Regt U. S. C. makes statement at his office that some
time during the month of March 1864. he left his discharge
papers with one Major Jones agt Bureau B R F & S at
Covington Ala for the purpose of collecting his bounty.
Radford is now at work in the state of Miss about ten
miles from Memphis he is anxious to know what action of
any has been taken in the matter. He further states
that he has written to Major Jones several times to Major Jones
but has received no answer.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
J. H. H. Kendrick
Capt am a a a g

War Department B R F & S
Washington D. C. July 10 1864

Fowler Wm
To Bt Maj Jones Jones.
A. S. H. Huntsville Ala

Major

I have the honor to return herewith
the declaration for bounty of Francis Barnett late of Co D
44th U. S. C. Drty. A new application is required in which
all signatures by mark shall be attested by two written
signatures. Please fill out briefly on back of application
This letter to be returned with new declaration

Very Respectfully,
Wm Fowler

Thos H. G. Asst Comd Ala

See E. B. 101

War Department B R F & S
Washington D. C. July 11 1864

Fowler Wm
To Maj Geo Hagen Suwayne
Montgomery Ala.
General

I am directed by the
Maj Geo Hagen to enclose herewith the discharge certificate
of Elijah Wiggins formerly Pri Co "K" 14th U. S. C. Troop.
His claim against the Govt for bounty is allowed
and the amount (\$3.00) in the hands of Bt Brig Gen Geo
W. Balloch. Chf Dis Off. of the Bureau for remittance
to claimant.

Claims forwarded by Bt Brig Gen D. B. Ballis Supt
Bureau Huntsville Ala. Please acknowledge the receipt
of enclosed discharge papers at your earliest convenience

I am Gen
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Wm Fowler
A. A. G.

War Dept Bureau B R F & S
Washington July 3 1864

Fowler Wm
To Maj Geo Hagen Suwayne
Montgomery Ala.
General

I am directed by the Maj
Geo Hagen to enclose herewith the Discharge paper of
Reuben Mathews formerly Pri Co "B" 14th U. S. C. Troop.
His claim against the U. S. for bounty is allowed
and the amount (\$212.00) in the hands of Bt Brig Gen Geo W
Balloch Chf Dis Off. of the Bureau for remittance to claimant.
The claim was forwarded by Bt Brig Gen D. B. Ballis Supt
Bureau Huntsville Ala.

Please acknowledge the receipt of enclosed discharge papers
at your earliest convenience

Very Resp
Wm Fowler. A. A. G.

See E. B. 103

War Dept B. R. F. & A. S. office App. m.
Washington D. C. July 17th 1867

Whittlesey H. M.
To Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis.
Sub Asst. Comr
Monteville Ala.

General.

The Receipt sent forward with your account of C. B. & L. E. for the month of March 1867 is respectfully returned herewith.

Although Circular Comr B. R. F. & A. S. No 21. 1867. had not been promulgated at the time these issues were made, it is suggested that the Officer to make this voucher perfect avail himself of the regulations contained therein.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Gen App. G. M.

War Department B. R. F. & A. S.
Washington July 17th 1867

Whittlesey H. M.
To Bt. Col. D. B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Sir.

Your monthly accounts "Quartermaster Stores Q. M. Department" for the month of February and March 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to Bt Maj Gen H. B. Meigs Quartermaster General U. S. Army.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Gen & App. G. M.
Bureau B. R. F. & A. S.

Office Acty Comy of Jubilee B. R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 3rd 1867.

Arthur H. B.
To Bt Brig Gen D. B. Callis
Sub Asst. Commissioner
Monteville Ala.
General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report for the month of March April May 1867. Reports for the month of May is herewith returned for correction of the following errors.

While men 649 should be 699.
Aggregate 1237 1/2 should be 1242 1/2
Total number of men 324 1/2 should be 304 1/2
Total no bush corn issued 1107 should be 6447.

Dear Sir Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant
H. B. Arthur
Acty Bureau.

Nashville July 17th 1867.

Laurence J. D.
To Col. Callis.
Sir.

A few weeks since, a colored man in this City named S. Chapel was hired by a roof Painter named W. S. Starchman, who agreed to pay all his expenses and one dollar per day. At Monteville the said Starchman undertakes to pay his hotel bill at the Monteville House, paid a silver watch and gold chain and a doubled bangle shot gun belonging to Chapel. After leaving Monteville and going to East Meigs, Starchman saw off north leaving Chapel in the lurch. Now Chapel wishes to pay the hotel bill which is (30⁰⁰) and get the gun and watch provided the watch is a good one and the chain gold. A man in Monteville also owes Starchman \$40⁰⁰ which if it could be got and paid to Chapel would compensate him for his labor. This is to request the Bureau in Monteville to see the payment made at the Monteville House and inform one of their salary.

If with while I will secure the money to aid Chapel in
redeeming them. also to request the Bureau to ascertain if the
account against Irving for whom the work was done is good
and will be paid on proper application. Should you attend
to this matter Col. you will confer a favor upon a very deserving
young mechanic, and will oblige.

Yours Very Truly,

Dr. Laurence

Atty at Law. No 81. Cedar St

Lebanon Mo. July 17th 1864.

Curley Sumner
1st Bn 7th Div 3rd Corps
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Application having been
made by the Subscriber a private in Co. "B" 4th Regt U.S.
Col Infy for arrears of pay bounty &c & the same having
been referred to Genl. Pope. Swayne & myself for consideration
I find that from instructions from A. G. O. Washington it is
necessary that I of my own volition must place myself before
a competent military Commission for trial before I can
receive my pay and money. my case comes under clause 4
& 5 of said orders I am anxious to place myself before a
military Tribunal at Huntsville Ala for trial immediately
I have all the papers in my case. and am joined by
competent witnesses that all the facts set forth in
declaration for arrears Bounty &c are true. Can prove
that I was Captured in an engagement at Dalton
Georgia. and that I was carried south and sold by
whom I sold and to whom sold. the authorities believe
perhaps that I was deserted & it is necessary that I get
discharged and must be out sold before my claim can
be properly adjusted. An immediate acknowledgment
of the receipt of this with any instructions from you that
may be necessary in the case will be gratefully acknowledged
by me if you will give me a trial I will report immediately.

Respectfully

Curley Sumner

Office Subst. Asst. B. R. F. & A. S.
DeKalb County Alabama
July 17th 1864.

Gilbreath M. M.

To Maj. Geo. Jones

Actg Sub Asst. Comd.

I have the honor to report the following
Statement of facts in reference to the conversation between D. L.
Nicholson and S. H. Sedberg concerning a certain gray horse.
On 10th May 1864 D. L. Nicholson of DeKalb County made an
application to Genl. D. B. Callis S. A. B. B. R. F. & A. S. Dist No 10 Ala
alleging that in August 1864 petitioner the sd Nicholson
was compelled to abandon his horse and property in these
lines, and while acting as a Scout in the U.S. Service the
first Ala. Cavalry U.S. passed this county and took the
said horse from the person who had him in possession. That
petitioner never applied for nor received compensation for said
horse from the Government. That said horse was branded w.
by those who just took him. the horse was recommended
by the Government, Mr. N. described the horse minutely in
his application which was sworn to by him. Also petitioner
asked for an order from Genl. Callis to have the horse returned
to him under Genl. Orders No 18 to make a crop. On 20th May
1864 Genl. Callis issued the following order viz:

Hed. Geo. B. R. F. & A. S. Dist No 10 Ala.

Huntsville Ala. May 20th 1864.

Respectfully referred to Capt M. M. Gilbreath Agent of DeKalb
Co. Ala. with same instructions as were given in Ellis & Brown
Case. D. L. Nicholson will take the horse whenever found
and hold the same subject to the order of the U.S. Government
or orders from this office with the understanding that this horse
is turned back to Mr. N. as U.S. property for the purpose of
assisting him in raising a crop.

(Signed)

Dr. B. Callis

1st Bn 7th Div & Sub Asst Comd

B. R. F. & A. S.

Under this order of Genl. Callis. I placed D. L. Nicholson in
possession of said horse. By agreement with S. H. Sedberg
a trial was had at Lebanon Ala in DeKalb County
over

giving the parties about ten days for trial. The parties produced the testimony on both sides. Mr Sedberg having produced four witnesses and Mr H. S. S. to his horse and also produced the testimony of certain witnesses herein referred to as Exhibit marked A and refused to as part of this report. The trial was had at the instance and request of S. H. Sedberg at my office after giving the parties ten day time for preparation. Mr. S. was represented by an attorney of good standing. Upon the whole testimony, I decided the horse was U. S. property had been taken by the first Ala. Cav. U. S. in August 1864 from the possession of Mr. N. S. S. while it was in the U. S. Service as a Scout. It was shown that the horse was never condemned by the Government, that Nicholson had applied for and received any pay from the Govt for said horse I will state that on the trial Mr Sedberg proved that the horse Mr N. S. formerly owned had a red scar on his fore leg and Mr Sedberg denied that the horse in controversy had such a scar. On inspecting the said horse the scar was plainly to be seen - The whole testimony on both sides agreed as to the general resemblance of the horse formerly owned by Nicholson and the one in controversy, and this particular mark of identity was established beyond doubt. I decided that the horse was the property of Nicholson from the proof on both sides - I told Mr Sedberg he could have an appeal if he wished it - which he declined to take to Gen. Ballis. I turned over to Nicholson the horse as U. S. Property under General Order no 18. to assist him in carrying a troop and took his receipt therefor which is in file in Office B. R. F. A. L. at Huntsville Ala. in obedience to the order of Gen. J. B. Ballis a copy of which is set out in this report.

I am, Major
Very Respectfully
W. M. Gilman
Agent B. R. F. A. L.
DeKalb Co. Ala.

Statement of Deane G. Beeson with reference to a certain Gray Horse now in possession of David L. Nicholson of DeKalb Co. and claimed by one S. H. Sedberg of Cherokee County Alabama as to the identity of said horse with a certain horse taken from the possession of Deponent by the Federal Army.
Deponent Saith:-

I have known the horse from the time he was three years old to the twenty first of August 1864 the time when he was taken by the Federals from my possession. I have known him more thoroughly than any other horse I ever had in my possession. As I used him constantly for a buggy horse. His make and color particularly bear a corresponding resemblance of the horse that was taken by the authority and at the time herein stated. He was a gray horse. Carriage motion, action and gates are identically the same as the horse that was taken from me at the time above stated, and if he is not the same horse I am not capable of judging or identifying such difference between them, and at the time I purchased the horse he was said to be three years old, and I am satisfied from my knowledge of the age of horses that he was just that old, and at this time he is eleven years old, and I further believe that the horse now in dispute is about the age of Eleven years.

Deane G. Beeson.

The following Statement of Lewis Campbell with reference to the horse before mentioned. Deponent Saith:-

I have known the horse since June 1860. to the 21st of August 1864. He was a gray horse about sixteen hands high at the time he was taken by the Federals and after examining the horse I have no doubt but he is the same horse.

Lewis Campbell.

Statement of Mrs Elizabeth Mickler with reference to the horse before mentioned. Deponent Saith:-

I have known the horse since the year 1860. to August 1864. I have rode the horse often and he is the same color from action and gates of the horse that was taken by the Federals from the possession of D. G. Beeson 1864 and upon examination believe him to be the same horse that was taken at the time above stated.

E. L. Mickler

Statement of Fielden Beeson (Colored) with reference to the horse above mentioned. Dependent South:

I have known the horse since the beginning of the year 1860. to the 21st August 1864. the time he was taken from the possession of Mrs. Daniel F. Beeson by the Federals. I have rode & plowed the horse often and have saw him worked in the Beaggs frequently and from his age Color size movements and gates. I am confident he is the same horse.

Fielden^{Beeson} Beeson
Statement of Henry G. Beeson with reference to the above horse. Dependent South:

I have known the horse since the beginning of the year 1860. to the 21st day August 1864. the time he was taken from the possession of Daniel G. Beeson by the Federals. I had in my care and left here on 3 day of Sept 1863. and taken him to Baldwin County Georgia and returned to his place on 17th Feb 1864 and I rode him 2 or 3 times to Choate Co. Ala. After I returned from Georgia and upon examination I am confident from his age size gates color action and movements he is the same horse.

Henry G. Beeson
Statement of W R May with reference to the a certain gray horse herein described. Dependent South:
I have known the horse since the beginning of the year 1860 to the 21st August 1864. the time that the Federals taken from the possession of D. G. Beeson I have plowed & rode the horse often and from his movements gate size form and height I believe him to be the same horse that belonged to D. McChesler.

W R May

All of the foregoing was sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of June 1864.

P. A. Brander
Jens Circuit Court

Head Quarter District of Alabama
Office of the Master of the District
Montgomery Ala. July 17th 1867

Browning Geo. F.
To St. B. & Geo. D. Ballin
Huntsville Ala.

General

You will forward without delay to this office your quarterly Statement of Property A B & C which are due for the 3rd quarter ending June 30. 67
By Order of Maj Gen Wagon Swaine
Geo F. Browning
St. Maj W. S. and Aggr.

Head Quarter Dist of Ala (S. E. & A. S.)
Montgomery Ala. July 16th 1867

Krisman O S
To St. Brig Genl Jm. P. Kullin
Sub Asst. Comm

Huntsville Ala

General

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you forward to this office, as early as practicable, a list of the several Justices of the Peace in your sub-dist, giving their P. O. address and the limits of their jurisdiction.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt servt

O D Amismom

Sub Asst. Comm

Office Chief Q. M. Bureau A D & A S
Atlanta Ga July 20th 1867

Watson Esq
Bt Maj & Chf Q. M. & S. O.
To Bt. Brig Genl Jno B. Ballis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Hunterville Ala

A Box said to contain Stationery
marked to your address is in the Western and Atlantic Freight
Depot at this place having been here since June 1st 1867.
Do you wish the box shipped to you? If so please notify me
and it will be forwarded at once

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. J. Watson
Bt Maj & Chf Q. M. & S. O.

War Department Bureau A D & A S
Office Chf Q. M. Washington July 19th 1867

Whittlesey Esq. M.
Bt Brig Genl & Chf Q. M.
To Bt. Lt. Jno B. Ballis
Sub Asst Comm. Hunterville Ala.

Your Property Accounts "Stores
pertaining to Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for
the months of February, March and April 1867, have been received,
and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury, for final examination
and settlement.

By Order of Maj Genl O. O. Howard. Comr
Very Respectfully Your Obedt. Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Genl & Chf Q. M. A D & A S

July 3^d 1867

Willson Thos
J. Commander of }
Port Rome Ga } Sir.

After my highest respects to you Sir
I want to inform you the Condition of our part of this Co-
unty. I live in Beat No 6 in St Clair as well to but we are now
added to Bain County there is a great many families here is on
actual suffering the boat before last the was Com sent to this beat
Some 27 bushels and his own children a living around him got the
Com all except one bushel a widow woman got one bushel out
of 20 the man who kept it was by name N Z Blair, the Citizens
of this beat had rather the would stop never come any more
unless unless it is put in the hands of some one who will do justice
by all. A B Norton and William Gaines either of those men the
People are willing to risk every one of them. Sir you want you
to give the men some comfort or stop them and it is no use to
send Nations here unless the Rudy gets them. Now they are sent to
the Citizens of Bain County are generally dissatisfied. the Day
managers are using the same method and lets them have
Com do without doctor rolls has been showing in a adjoining
beat to beat No 6. and the do the do no better. Name comes under my
section so please Blair's Conduct I have made all inquiry and
One bushel is all has went out of the Commission as far
as I can find out. the People want you to send a few more to beat
but this is not for myself I write to you I have had none of it and I thank
you myself about it. for I can do without it. this beat or County will
give them a Petition that this is a true report. the people in this beat
want some one to make this report. it seems as if the are all together
in undertaking this then are, it seems 2 parties here one as the
Freedmen party and the party this is split on the Old
Union party that will stand for ever I hope the about parties
to take place or we would rather the would stop entirely. Kind
Sir do pay some attention to this and you give me my answer
thanks for so doing and all the thanks of this neighborhood now
more at present. Only I am yours

EP 184.

Respectfully
Thos Willson

My dear Mr. H.
To Gen. D. B. Hallie
Monteville Ala.

Decatur Ala. July 24th 1867.

Sir.

on the 13th inst I mailed to your address my affidavit as agt of the Freedmen's Bureau for Winston county together with my report of issues of May 1867. the third day after I had mailed my papers I received a note from May Dr. Jones who was then acting for you. he stated that he had not up to time recd my affidavit nor my reports either at that time my papers had not had time to reach Monteville. I am now in Decatur and expect to remain here for some days and if my papers has failed to come up please write me at this place forthwith and I will come up to see you tomorrow evening or next morning. Your order to me of June 24th required me to issue the Corn + Bacon then on the way to the distict of Winston Co. and make my returns by the 25th inst. it was out of my power to do so from the fact that I have not been notified of its arrival here until this evening. the corn has the Bacon has not a yet if any additional instructions is required please let me hear from you soon. circumstances has been such that I could not be here sooner.

Yours Very Respectfully
W. H. Hyde agt &c.

Office Diff. Madison & Indianapolis RR Co
Jeffersonville Ind July 22nd 67

Perrier Dr
To Gen. D. B. Hallie
Monteville Ala.

Dear Sir.

When I was speaking to you two days since, on the train, about a boy. I asked that you would send him by Express. I find however that I will have business in your Section before long and if you will please notify me when you find such a boy. as you think well send me. I will come to Monteville for him. Hoping that I may at some time be able to incorporate the form.

Yours Truly

W. H. Hyde

War Department O.R.D. & A.S.
Office of G. M. Washington July 18th 67.

Whittlesey H. M.
To Gen. D. B. Hallie
Monteville Ala.

Sir.

Your monthly accounts, ~~Quantum~~ stores and clothing camp and Garrison Engineers G. M. Sept for the month of June 1867. have been received examined and forwarded to Bt Maj Gen A. C. Meigs Quartermaster General U. S. Army.

By order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Henry M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Gen. & Chf. G. M.
O.R.D. & A.S.

War Department O.R.D. & A.S. June 21st
Washington July 17th 1867.

Fowler H. M.
To Gen. D. B. Hallie
Monteville Ala.

General.

I have the honor to enclose herewith four of affidavit required by the 2nd Auditor before the claim for bounty of Epbraim King formerly Pvt Co. "C" 40th U.S. will be settled. Evidence is also required to remove the charge of desertion preferred against him by the War Department. With the evidence please return this letter.

I am General.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

H. M. Fowler

A. C. M.

James Lane. M & O R R
July 24th 1867

Howell H. A.
To Gen. D. B. Claiborne
Montgomery Ala.
General.

In the beginning of the present year I made a contract with one Callie Hill (free man) for the cultivation of a certain amount of my land. He is employed the bearer thought upon what terms I know not as I had nothing to do with the bearer or his agreement with said Hill. He & Hill have now had a falling out and dispute and I decline interfering at all in the matter as I don't know which is in error the bearer has been living with said Hill for two years and so far as I know has behaved himself & been well treated by said Hill. He desires your kind offices in the matter you must of course be your own Judge of the expediency of interfering in the case. With sentiments of highest Esteem I am General

Your obt. Servant
H. A. Howell

Callie Hill says that Dick neglected his work & took roasting ears out of the field & he chartered him for his bad conduct with the desire of making him a better boy.
Howell.

Office Assistant Commissioner
State of Alabama. B. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 23rd 67

Browning Geo. F.
To Gen. D. B. Claiborne

Sir:- Your monthly accounts for the month of May 1867 have been received, examined and forwarded to Commissioner B. F. & A. S. Washington D. C.

By Order of Maj. Gen. Hager Swagart
Very Respectfully
Geo. F. Browning
Atty & a. a. g. m.

War Department B. F. & A. S.
Claim Division Washington July 15th 67.

Powder Wm.
To Maj. Geo. Jones.
Montgomery Ala.
Maj.

I am directed by Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of paper in the claim for bounty in the case of the following named discharged Soldier.

Thomas Perry D. C. 44th Regt. U. S. C. D.
Very Respectfully &c
Wm. Fowler. a. a. g.

Office Asst. Comm. State of Alabama
Bureau B. F. & A. S. under
Montgomery Ala. July 24th 1867.

Browning Geo. F.
To B. F. & A. S. under
a. a. g. m. Montgomery Ala.

Sir: Your monthly accounts for the month of June 1867 have been received, examined and forwarded to Commissioner Bureau B. F. & A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Maj. Gen. Hager Swagart.
Very Respectfully Your obt. Servant
Geo. F. Browning

B. F. & A. S. g. m. B. F. & A. S.

Note - This return is improperly classified. Articles must be closed under the headings specified on first page of return.

Office A. A. G. M. Bu. A. S. & A. S.
Mobile Ala. July 23 1867.

Logan Drapth.
To Gen. D. B. Ballist.
Montgomery Ala.

General:

In compliance with order from
Ad. Gen. Dist. of Ala. I am now shipping you four thousand
sacks of Corn (Relief State) and twenty thousand lbs of Bacon.
It is impossible for me to make any arrangement to ship
two thousand two thousand lbs of Bacon as you directed and
am compelled to ship the whole amount direct to you at
Montgomery. This notice is given to enable you to make arrange-
ments for its reception.

I have the honor to be Sir
Very Respectfully Your obt. Servant
Joseph Logan

Via M. & C. R. R.
M. & C. R. R.

Montgomery July 24th 1867.

Given to C. C.
To May Dow Jones.

Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed
Statement as to Duties of the Peace which I hope may be fully
Satisfactory.

I received from you a few days ago blank receipts
for Bacon and Corn which I will fill up and forward as
soon as I can find out what amount of each to receipt.
May I say for the 5th time say a word to you on the subject of
sending me due Blank Report such as we had in use for
reporting ration issues last Spring. I am indeed anxious to
make out my monthly report of Issues of Corn and Bacon for
the month of May and cannot do so without blanks. I don't
understand me May to say that I have written to you five
times for said blanks this is my second call on you for a
blank.

I am Sir Yours Respectfully
C. C. Jewin apt &c.

Montgomery July 23 1867.

Sanford Sarah.
To Gen. D. B. Ballist.

I want to find out about that discharge
I wrote to you about some time ago. I know about it but have
not heard a word from you yet and wish to know what to
do about it. If I can not get the money through you I will
put it into a lawyer's hands here and send to the City of
Washington. You will oblige me very much if you will write
immediately and inform me what to do.
I've seen in the papers where the money was to be paid the 14th
of July.

Yours.

Sarah Sanford.

Army & Navy Claim Agency 242 F Street
Washington D. C. July 24th 1867.

Bascow & Seaton
To Asst. Supt. Bu. A. S. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

A claim for amount on account
of Allen Gathaw or Gathaw late apprentice to H. 42 Regt
U. S. C. I. was forwarded to us by St. C. Sanford of your Bu.
in 1865. It was returned for correction (Clerk's Certificate) for
evidence of Freedom of Soldier & proof of Marriage in Feb'y
1866, & has not been returned. The evidence of Freedom is
no longer required by the rules and we have no doubt that
if the parties cohabited & regarded each other as man
& wife sufficient evidence can be furnished to carry the
case. We are very desirous of closing the claim upon our
record. If we can be of any service we wish to do so. If
not will you kindly inform us so that we may have definite
basis for a closing entry.

With your reply please return this letter.

Respectfully Yours
Bascow & Seaton.

Office Subt. B.R.T. & A.S.
Sub Dist Huntsville Ala. March 6th 1867.

Midler St. H. D.
J. D. Edwards Esqr
DeKalb Co. Ala.

Sir:-

Some days ago your letter was received requesting that rations would be shipped to your County, via Rome Ga. and down the Coosa River. I replied the same day promising to ship March rations and send them the route requested by you. Accordingly we have shipped your Rome 50 bbls port and 288 boxes hard bread, and in a few days will ship the balance of the rations. In my letter of the second inst I said I would send you 10,106 rations in place of that I am sending you 19,406 rations, which will, by proper management feed the militia for March and April and thus save a shipment in April. You will however report your march issue at or before the end of the month so that by the first of the succeeding month we may have your report in to use in making out our report of issues for the District. I telegraphed you tonight via Kington & Rome of the shipment. You will find the Bills of Lading marked D.C. Huntsville Huntsville Georgia when it should have been D. Edwards, however the goods are intended for your DeKalb Co. and you will receive them at Rome or Gadsden, and issue them for DeKalb Co. We shipped to Cherokee Co. via Rome Ga. the 1st of Feb 17,528 rations and have never heard from them. We do not propose to ship supplies to any County that make no report of them, therefore we will ship no more to Cherokee unless the Officials can satisfactorily account for their neglect to make reply to the Communications already sent and properly account for the supplies furnished. We have received no report from you for Feb issue. Some two weeks ago we also sent you through Capt Hilbur some Communications. Let us hear from you promptly.

Respectfully
H. Irving Midler
St & Ass't Supl.

Gadsden Ala. July 15th 1867.

Hollingsworth & Moray.

(Certificate) This is to certify that we have notified Deplha Edwards agt B.R.T. & A.S. for DeKalb Co. Alabama & his Successor in office Mr Sparks, several times that we had got down in our Warehouse which we were holding for charges and freights & have urged them to pay said claims and take charge of the goods. We never have called the attention of Mr Gilbreath to this matter for the reason that we were not advised of his agency.

Respectfully
Hollingsworth & Moray

Gilbreath M. M.

To Gen D. B. Keller

Gen

Scottdale Ala. July 26th 1867.

I have just returned from Gadsden I find in the Warehouse of Hollingsworth & Moray 54 boxes Red Bread and eight bbls of Port. The Red Bread is in very bad order. I called on Mr Edwards who was agent for DeKalb Co. at the time these rations were shipped, & he says he only received 199 boxes Red Bread. You will see by the Letter from St. Midler to Mr Edwards which I enclose herewith that there was 288 Bx's Hard Bread shipped. This leaves 35 boxes of Red Bread Short which He and Morayne claim the delivered but they have no receipt for it and Mr Edwards says he never received it. The amt of Port received by Mr Edwards together with the 8 Bbls on hand and the 2 Bbls which St. & M. acknowledge last make the amount shipped. These rations would have been rec'd by Mr Edwards and issued but Hollingsworth and Morayne refused to let him have any more until the freight was paid and they refuse to let me have them on the same ground. The charges for transportation are rather steep but are in accordance with the established rates on that route at that time they were shipped. I know nothing of these rations being at Gadsden until I saw their Paper.

Yours Truly
M. M. Gilbreath

Albion Ala. July 25 1867

Saufock D.
To Gen D. B. Callis

General.

Enclosed find receipt for
Coin as per your direction. I have also forwarded appli-
cations in duplicate for what Coin I have issued up
untill to day. The applicants are very Solicitous about
Bacon. If you furnish me any you will have to send
more blanks as not having the Bacon to issue with the
Coin. I presume the applications will have to made
out the same as these I now send.

Very Respectfully
D Saufock.

Office Bureau S. I. & A. S.
Albion Ala. July 25 1867.

Saufock D.
To Maj Gen Jones.

Major.

Enclosed find list of
Magistrates of Sumner County as per your order.
D Saufock. gt.

Montgomery Ala. July 25 1867

Becher Edwin.
To Gen D. B. Callis.

General.

I am compelled to set
the vouchers of Donnelly & Co as a W. D. Rublee for a
slight correction. They should show the service re-
quired for the Bureau. One of them does not even
say it was Government Cash. Please make out them a
little fuller and I will forward the money without
delay.

Respectfully
Edwin Becher

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama
Office S. I. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 25 1867.

Browning Geo. F.
To Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

General.

Referring to your letter
of 22nd inst making inquiry concerning a lot of Stationery
shipped you on the 28th of May 1867. You are informed
that said box of Stationery has been traced to Atlanta
Ga. where through the neglect of certain parties it has
been detained since June 1st 1867. The articles have
been turned over to Maj C. T. Watson S. I. & A. S. of
this Bureau for Georgia for transportation to Huntsville
and you will doubtless receive it without further delay.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo. F. Browning
Maj & S. I. & A. S.

Decatur Ala. July 24 1867.

Moseby Mack
To Gen D. B. Callis.

General.

Some time last winter my
nephew Allen Neville by name was arrested charged
with Stealing a hog. after he was arrested to prevent
his incarceration in Jail I requested Mr Harbin who
is now issuing bonds here to go on his bond, and to
make him safe I deposited with him and the other
parties who signed the bond one hundred and twenty
dollars which he paid when Allen was tried by the
Civil authorities he was fined ten dollars which he paid
I have several efforts to get my money back but the parties
are claiming that the has been used by them and is not
forthcoming I have applied to Mr Sheets to arrange
the matter for me but it seems the only chance for me to
get the money is through the civil authorities which I desire

is unfair as it is not a debt due from them to me but money deposited and it certainly is a clear misappropriation of funds they had no right to use.

Hoping that you can do something for me in the matter

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant

Mark Morby.

William Stone Marshall Co. Ala.

July 27 1867.

Kirby, Mrs D.

To Bt. Mrs. Mrs. Jones.

Dear Sir

I propose to teach a Freedmen School in the North East Corner of Marshall County in Township Six Range five & I understand that you have means to pay teachers for teaching the Freedmen Schoolers here provided I can get an order from you & if the Government will pay, the Freedmen is not able to pay it in this portion of the County & Sir if you give me an order for the School & the Government will pay it with money per quit mail to this office & Sir you will accept a favor on me to write to me what can be done & I will refer you to Capt Gilbreath of De Kalb Co. Ala. for further information & concerning my character and ability & as I am not acquainted with the agent of the Freedmen "Beauregard" of this County which has been lately published please give me all of the information concerning the Freedmen School & oblige yours

Mrs D Kirby

Blountville Ala July 14 1867

Shapard, Wm

To Gen. Mrs B. Callis

Dear Sir

Under very peculiar circumstances my name is likely to be connected with the distribution of Corn Bacon &c. I have various representations I placed myself in this situation under two influences 1st a particular regard for you, 2nd to assist the destitute in an impartial way & conduct so as to make a satisfactory of all transactions. I am satisfied that our satisfactory report will ever reach you. I see imperfections and evils that I do not wish to be troubled with, and I am sorry that such is the case. As I told you long ago there is something wrong and I want every man who has anything to do with it, to report fully & satisfactorily of all that came into his hands and how disposed of. As for the stringent regulations circumscribing the Department, I have only to say that if a man does not comply technically with them, if he is honest, let him show what he really did do. Now this thing of getting things thrown into fetters just to take advantage must be stopped. I would like to have some written instructions from you. I hope I may be deceived, but I fear a great portion the Corn Bacon &c will be misplaced, but not well managed. I am delicately situated towards Garrison & others and we have a political struggle up with you with me.

William Shapard.

Blountville Ala July 14 1867.

Shapard Wm

To Gen. Mrs B. Callis.

Enclosed is a petition in behalf of Lewis Hawkins who is a respectable farmer by occupation. He has always been looked upon as a very worthy industrious and loyal citizen. He is upwards of 70 years old he has always supported his family comfortably. The war left him in a bad situation, but his industry he can live & support his family if left alone. The last Circuit Court has imposed a heavy fine on him for not giving in his property for assessment which will ruin him if it is not

removed. Hawkins made clear proof that he had given in property that his taxes was paid. He showed his Certificate and list of assessment and the collector receipt for payment in full. and had the assessor & collector receipt for to prove it. but on account of his being a loyal man he was fined.

If you can do anything towards helping him to remove the fine & costs it will help the union cause & confer a favor on a good and worthy old Citizen

Very Respectfully &c
Wm Shapard.

Petition as above
to Gen Pope.

The undersigned Citizens of Blount Co are most respectfully petition that a fine & costs amounting to ————— dollars ————— cents which the late term of the Circuit Court for this County rendered against Denis Hawkins be set aside. The said amount of \$ ————— was a fine and costs for not giving in his property for assessment. Denis Hawkins showed unto the Court & Jury that the property so complained of had been given in and assessed prior to August the 3rd 1866. Denis Hawkins is a very ignorant man but a very loyal man and his general habits and associations as good as the Country will admit of. owing to a dispute about the legality of giving taxes many ignorant people formed erroneous notions. Hawkins honestly believed that it amount to rebellion & treason if he gave in his property for assessment. As soon as he learned that he would be safe in so doing he voluntarily gave in his property for assessment but the Court and Jury have fined him. The whole Government machinery of this County is in Rebel hands. there is not an instance where any man has been punished by law for resistance or disobedience to the laws of the United States while no man suspected of being unfriendly to rebel principles is closely watched persecuted & prosecuted. The said fine and costs was rendered by the Honorable Judge at Blountville on the — day of — 1867. and Hawkins land & household effects will in all probability be sold before your order can reach here unless this is speedily &

and promptly attended to.

Huston Tidwell

G. H. Gass

D. Y. Hawkins

J. W. Walker

J. H. Gaybor

Dr. S. Bailey

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J. A. Carley.

Wm Shapard.

W. O. Dymond

H. M. Ester

A. H. Keipp

Saml. Frankman

J. W. Keipp

Saml. Henton

L. L. Postain

J. Gaybor

The undersigned Citizens of Blount County most respectfully ask Gen. Callis of Huntsville to forward this petition to Gen. Pope with as little delay as the case will admit of with instructions for Gen. Pope to send and order through him (Gen. Callis) and that Gen. Callis will forward the said order to Wm Shapard at Blountville with directions to circulate it &c.

J. Bailey

J. B. Eubanks

J. H. Patton

Danes Alford

J. H. Fackner

W. P. Beeson

and 13 others.

Blountville Ala July 22 67.

Shapard Wm
To Gen Callis

Dear Sir

The last corn is get on hand. I cannot find out how Mr. Garrison intends to manage it. I deem it useless to write all the particulars. I advise you to send over some person to examine into it speedily and take it out of Garrison's hands entirely & especially such men as have control of it. Garrison is gone and he has given a set of Day Hawks the management of it but says you directed him to come home &c &c &c

Now I do not feel safe in having anything to do with Garrison - no say confidence - I never had any and I cannot have any. Sympathy influences me in his favor & he has seen and that. I am willing to communicate privately with you or any person you recommend to me but safety for myself and property admonishes me not to be publicly known.

Wm Shapard.

Shapard. Wm
To A. S. Siskin
Kountsville Ala

Kountsville Ala
July 15th 1867.

My Dear Sir:

This leaves me well at present prospects far more flattering than for several years. We have procured a house of worship near home (my house) and Mr. Bynum will give us regular preaching (no rebel about it).

Tell our friend Geo. Ballis that I cannot make any sense of Mr. Garrison's management and that I am ashamed that my name is associated with any of his affairs. I do not wish to do injustice to any one. But if Geo. Ballis does send some one over here to attend to matters I will be greatly surprised.

Do not use my name unless it is indispensably necessary for your protection. I communicate this in confidence & friendship entirely to all concerned. I will be pleased to see you and hear from you. Tell our union friends the "work goes on bravely". I have had several apologies for the conduct of Blountville and all of which had to pass of course but when people degrade themselves we stop not to respect them. I have an appointment in Blountville on the 1st Saturday in August. The rebels propose to come over & side with me on the Montgomery taking the military as the leading and governing rule of action. All other matters as side issues prospectively and only indicative of the policy to be pursued. After reconstruction shall have been perfected.

And no direct issues or side issues will hereafter be entertained by Blount County after this. Tell friend Figures I will send the result of our deliberations up and I would like to see a good Union Speaker here on the 1st Saturday in August. Tell Judge D. C. Humphreys what is up & that I have had a hard time of it but that A. M. Gibson & others have given me assurances that they will meet me openly & gladly & bravely on the Montgomery platform on the terms I have stated. I hope the worst is over and peace & harm may rule hereafter.

Wm Shapard

Office Sub Adj Comm 9th A.S.
Kountsville Ala Aug 3/67

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secy of War
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to
under my resignation of the office and Commission of 1st
Lieut 9th A.S. to take effect Sept. 1st 1867, for the reason that I
find it impossible to serve the Govt any longer in my present
capacity

Very Respectfully
Yours obedient servant
John Jones
1st Lieut 9th A.S. & Adj. Major

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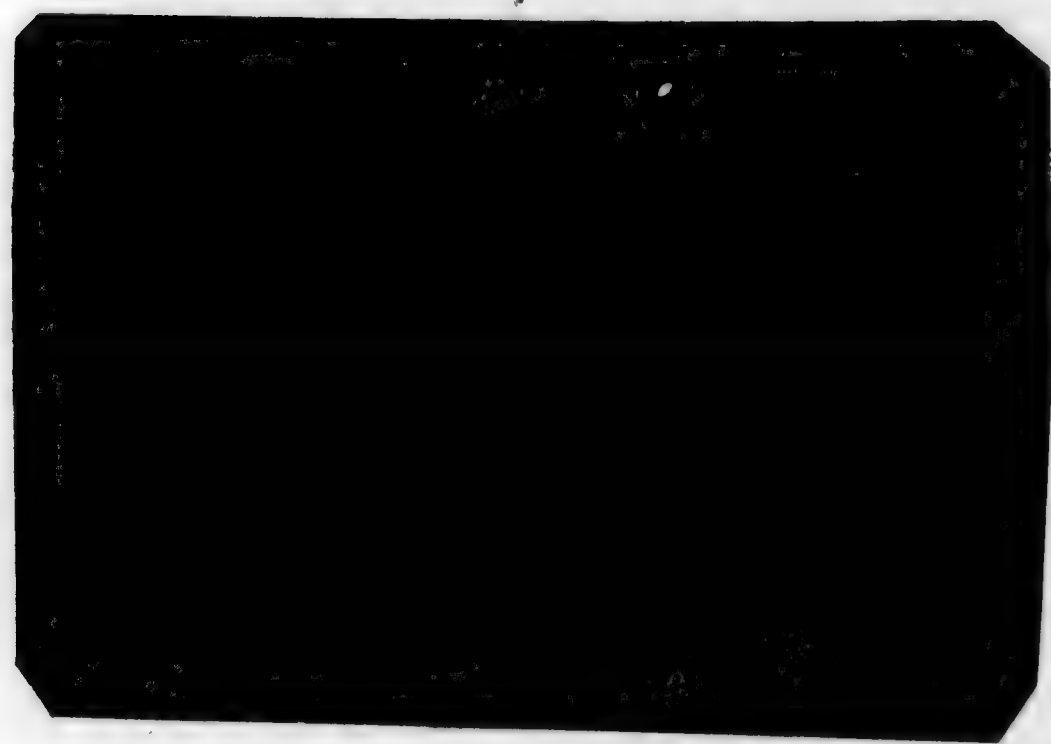
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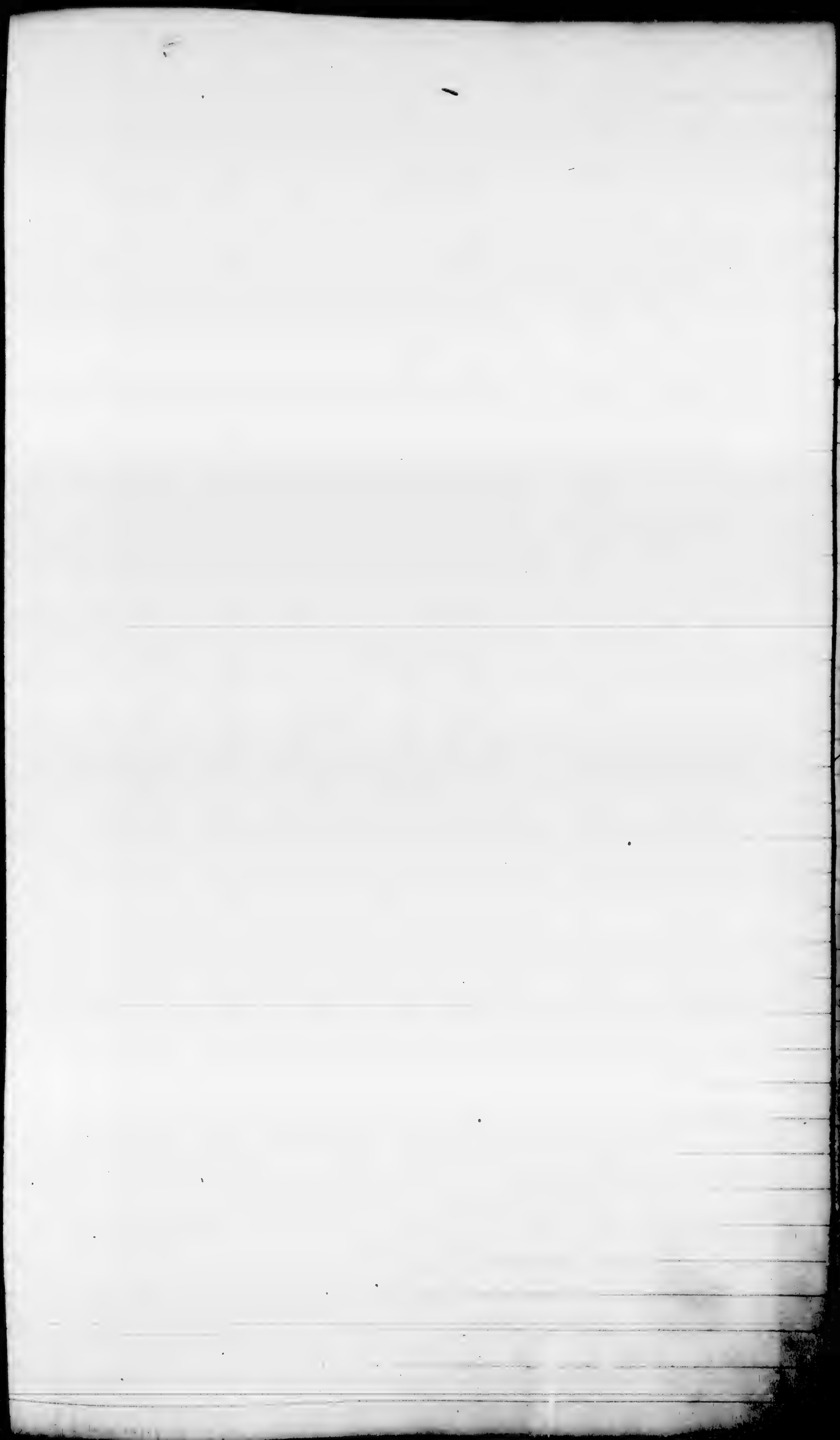
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Office Acting Comsy of Subsistence
Bureau Refugee Freedmen &c. S.
Montgomery Ala. July 26th 1867.

Arthur H. Co.
To At Brig Gen Drob Callis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Nuntenville Ala.

Sir:

You will report to this office
without delay, the amount of Corn, Bacon and other articles
of Subsistence Stores. The Source from whence derived and quantity
on hand from each source.

You will also report upon the necessity of
Continuing the issue of Supplies to destitutes in your District
and probable amount and extent of ^{such} Supplies.

By Order of Maj Gen Hagen Surveyor.
A. C. Arthur.

A C S Bureau.

Quartermaster General's Office.
Division of Clothing & Equipage.
Washington D C. July 27th 1867.

Perry Alex D.
To St Col D B Callis
7th V R C Bt Brig Genl USA
SAC Nuntenville Ala.

Sir:

Your return of Clothing and Camp
and Garrison Equipage rendered as St. Col 7th V R C and Bt Brig Genl
and Sub Asst Comd B R R & S for the month of June 1867. has been received
and examined at this office and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury
for Settlement.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Alex D. Perry
Bt Brig General On New Orleans

Head. Quarter, District of Alabama
Office Superintendent of Registration
Montgomery Ala. July 30th 1867.

M. H. Smith
To Chairman
Board of Registration

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Registration of which you are the Chairman will without delay return to this Office the names of three competent and loyal men for Inspectors of Election and one returning officer in each precinct in your District when practicable one of the Inspectors must be a Colored man. who can each take the Oath prescribed for officers of the United States

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

(Signed) M. H. Smith
Superintendent

a true Copy
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comr

War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Office of Gen. Mr. Washington July 30th 1867.

Whittlesey H. M.
To Bt Col. Dno B. Callis
Nuntville Ala.

Sir:-

Your monthly accounts clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage W. M. Department for the month of March 1867. have been received, examined and forwarded to Bt Maj Gen M. C. Meigs Quartermaster General U. S. Army

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant
Henry W. Whittlesey
of Gen. O. O. Howard

Quartermaster General Office
Division of Clothing & Equipage
Washington City D. C. July 29th 1867

Perry Alex. J.
To Bt Col. Dno B. Callis
7th V.R.C. Bt Brig Gen W. D. S.
S. A. C. Nuntville Ala.

Sir

Your Return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Bt Col and Bt Brig General 7th V.R.C. and Sub Asst Comr Bt Brig Gen W. D. S. for the month of May 1867. has been received and examined at this office and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Alex. J. Perry
Bt Brig Gen W. D. S.

War Department Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Claim Division Washington July 27th 1867.

Fowler H. M.
To Bt Brig Gen Dno B. Callis
S. A. C. Nuntville Ala.

Sir

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the Claims for bounty in the cases of the following named discharged Soldiers -

Dno. Leslie Co R. 15th Regt U. S. C. & I.

Denis Townsend 15 " " " "

Doston Townsend " 15 " " " "

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant.

H. M. Fowler
A. A. G.

War Department Bureau of P & A
Claims Division Washington July 30 '67

Fowler Mr.
To St Brig Gen D. B. Callis
S. A. C Huntsville Ala.
General.

I am directed by Maj
General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the claims of
for bounty in the cases of the following named dis-
charged soldiers.

Moses Smithers "G" Co 101 Regt. U. S. C. I.
Samuel Shadrack "G" " 101 " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Mr. Fowler
C. A. S.

Office B. P. & A.
Florence Ala. Aug 2 1867

Singer C. A.
To Gen D. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose you
report in duplicate of Com issued by me during the
month of July. There is a strong disposition on the part
of the whiter to "draw" and in many instances, a
willingness to "take the Oath" where there is no real
necessity for help from Government. please advise
me how to act in such cases.

Your obedient servant
C. A. Singer.

Walker W. H.
To Gen D. B. Callis

Dear Sir:

Mr. Mc Kinney has shown me your
note in reference to the Sulzner house and lot in which you set up
the title of the Government. I do not understand your note to forbid
in a military sense the sale of the property. I am attorney for
Dr. Sowell and we only propose to sell such interest as
Sulzner has in the property. Dr. Sowell's attachment was
levied upon this property in 1862, and created a lien upon
the property from the time it was levied. The lien in favor
of Dr. Sowell was created being anterior to its being taken possession
of by the Government as confiscable property.
The Sheriff by virtue of any sale he may make of the property
does not and cannot transfer the possession to the purchaser
but simply transfer such right as Sulzner has to the property
under plaintiff's lien. The purchaser will then have to seek
his remedy to recover possession. then in that action the title
of the United States or any third party can be asserted
to prevent a recovery - I wish then for to learn from
you whether your note was intended to forbid in a
military sense the sale of the property - if so please
advise him or myself as neither of us intend to disobey
the orders of the military but I desire them to seek such
other remedy as may be lawful. I have supposed that
you desired or intended in your note to him - simply
to set up the title of the Government so that whoever
bought would buy with a knowledge of the claim of the
Government to the property - If however we are mistaken
in this advise us so that I may take such other course
as may be proper. I think that the lien of Dr. Sowell's
attachment - being prior to the Government's taking pos-
session of it as Confiscable, would give him a prior claim
upon the property or so much thereof as might be
necessary to satisfy his claim.

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Adair

Gewin C. Co.

To Gen. Jno B Callis

Moulton, Ala. July 29th 1867.

Dear Sir:

please find my report of rations issued from the 18th to 25th inst. which I hope may all be right. You will also find my receipts for amounts of corn received which receipts you will please have filled up. I filled up one and feared it might be improperly done and left balance unfilled. You will see that I have received for 40,768 pounds of corn which I take from bills of Lading by D. M. Bowers of South Florence who I hope is correct he puts it down at 336 sacks 40,768 pounds &c.

Truly & Respectfully

Yours as ever

C. Co. Gewin Sub Agent

R. F. & A. S. for Laurence Co. Ala.

Near Madison Station, Ala.
August 2nd 1867.

Coons Saw W.

To Gen. Jno B Callis

Dear Sir:

Several months since I informed you of the non-compliance of Contracts on the part of David Higgins Cole and the case given to Cal Rugg who gave me a letter to Sary and which I read to him to which he paid no attention. I proposed that if he would give me security for what he was owing for money & clothes furnished, I would release him of his contract which he refused to do. I have sent him now repeatedly to come to me and let us have a better understanding and he refused to do so. Sary is in jail at this time as an accomplice in the case of Byron Belts that was killed this summer and you can see him in the event of his

acquittal and advise with him. I leave for Louisville Ky in the morning and on my return would like the case investigated. He also contracted for his wife and she was excused as she protested going back and as we advanced Sary 20 Dollars worth of clothing at Madison Station and some money besides extra supplies clothing and money after he went to Ark. The agent of the Bureau issued Order at Helena for all who had absented themselves and violated their Contract to be forced back without delay. This Contract was witnessed and approved. I learn Sary has been exulting and said he cared not for a contract I think such is "deliberate" to others and for future arrangements with the freedmen.

Daniel Webster our great Constitutional Expounder said "A Contract broken on one side was broken on the other" If Sary is unwilling to go to Ark I proposed he come here or give security for his indebtedness which is liberal on my part and more than could be expected. I will be back in a week or ten days.

Respectfully &c

Saw W. Coons

Office Assistant Com^r Salt of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. S. and
Montgomery Ala. August 3rd 1867.

Browning Geo. F.

To Gen. Jno B Callis

Sir

Your monthly accounts Stores pertaining to Bureau for the month of July 1867 have been received examined and forwarded to Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. S. at Washington D.C.

By Order of Maj Gen Hays Swayne Com^r

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Geo F Browning

At Maj & A. A. Gen. R. F. & A. S.

Office Asst Comr, State of Alabama
Bureau A S & a S
Montgomery Ala Aug 3 1867

Browning Geo F
To Gen Jno B Callis
S. at Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your monthly accounts
to C. & S. Equipage & G. M. Store of 9th Sept for the
month of July 1867 have been received examined and
forwarded to G. M. Genl Wfa. through the Commissioner
Bureau A S & a S at Washington D.C.

By Order of Maj Genl Hager Swayne
Asst Commissioner

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo F. Browning
Bt Maj & a G M B R F & a S

War. Department Bureau A S & a S
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington D.C. Aug 3rd 1867.

Ballock Geo W.
To Bt Brig Genl Jno B Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your letter of July 25th forwarding
Application of Reuben Mathews late Co B 4th U S C Drpts
has been received. I enclose you my No 66 on 1st National Bank
at Nashville to pay the same. Please assist him to convert
the same into currency and have him sign enclosed voucher
and return to me by mail.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo W. Ballock
Bt Brig Genl & Chf D.C.

I have the name of Willis Dry - a 16th U S C D on my books as living
at Huntsville can you find him

U. S. Sanitary Commission
Army & Navy Claim Agency 242 F. Street
Washington Aug 5th 1867.

Pascorn & Seaton
To Genl Jno B Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

In reply to yours of 27th ult making
Enquiry after the claim of Patsy widow of Walker Simmons decd.
Sergt B n S 112 U. S. C. I. we would say that we find no evidence
that the said claim was forwarded to this office

Respectfully Yours
Pascorn & Seaton.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama.
Office Chf G M. Bureau A S & a S
Montgomery Ala May 28th 1867.

Browning Geo F
To Brig Genl Jno B Callis
Huntsville Ala.

General.

Enclosed please find Invoices
and receipts of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" transferred
to you in accordance with your requisition. Please return
signed receipts at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Geo F. Browning
Bt Maj & Chf G. M.

Moulton Ala Aug 5th 1867.

Gavin C.C.
To Gen J B Callis

Dear Sir:

Is it right and proper for the Rail Road to charge my county freight on the corn which you had shipped to me for the suffering poor of my county. The Rail Road Agent at Nilleboro is refusing to deliver all the corn until the freight is paid and says if the freight is not paid he will hold on to a sufficient amount of corn to pay it. Our County has no money to pay it with. Please let me hear from you soon. I am receiving by waggon corn faster than I can eat. Please send me 3 blanks No 4 to make out my next report as I only received 3 which was used in my last report &c.

Respectfully &c
G. W. Gavin agt &c.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Bureau R & A. S. and A. S. and
Montgomery Ala August 5th 1867.

Kinsman O S
To St Brig Gen Jno B Callis
S. A. C. Nantowille Ala.

General.

Your form No 2

O. M. Dept for July 1867. has been received and is approved except in the case of D. M. Rublee Shipping Clerk who has not been appointed by the Commissioner.

Your attention is called to Circular No 24 from the Commissioner on this Subject. The asst Com^r desires also that you make a report stating the necessity of paying so large a rent as you do for your offices. It is believed that a location quite as public and with all necessary conveniences might be obtained at a less cost.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
O D Kinsman Subasst Com^r

War Department O & A. S. office Chf g. m.
Washington August 1st 1867.

Whittelsey & M.

To St Brig Gen Jno B Callis
S. A. C. Nantowille Ala

Sir:

Your Property account. "Stores pertaining to Bureau R. S. & A. S." for the month of May 1867. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

Your early attention is called to the following remarks viz: Voucher No 1 Abstract &c returned herewith. The receipt is not filled in required.

Note - Reply to be marked Vol 2 of Accounts, page 427 and addressed to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner -

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Com^r
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant

Henry M. Whittelsey

Chf g. m. Bureau R & A. S.
War Department O & A. S. office Chf g. m.
Washington August 1st 1867.

Whittelsey & M.

To St Brig Gen Jno B Callis S. A. C. &c.

Sir:

Your Property account. "Stores pertaining to the Bureau R & A. S." for the month of June 1867. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement. Your early attention is called to the following remarks viz:

Voucher No 1 Abstract &c returned herewith the receipt is not filled in, required.

Note - Reply to be marked Vol 2 of Accounts, page 424 and addressed to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant

See E. B. 189.

Henry M. Whittelsey
Chf g. m. Bureau R & A. S.

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Bureau of Land & Surveys
Montgomery Ala. Aug 12th 1867.

Kinsman C. L.
Co Brig Genl Fred C. Callis
Nantsville Fla.

General.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the appointments of H. Frank Seglow and Geo. W. Kaus as clerks in your Sub District at a salary of one hundred (\$100) dollars per month.

The cash required will be forwarded to this Office.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. R. Kinsman

Sub Dist Commissioner

Montgomery Ala August 8th 1867.

Beecher Edwards
To Genl Fred C. Callis

General.

I Enclose 1. 318.08

Discount on check 1/4 of 1% 3.30 1318.38

This amount is to be applied as follows:

On Account Current 1062.48

Your Personal account 218.93

Dr Fitch Postage 1.50

N. M. Anally 6.50

May Jones 3 accts 29.00 \$1,318.38

This includes all the items in the account current except that of Mr Rublee as clerk which is suspended. Maj Kinsman has written or will write you in relation to it.

The acct of W. A. Bailey J. A. Donnelly & Co & M. D. Rublee (199.80) will have to be postponed until Genl Swagner's return. We expect him back about the 20th inst.

Please advise me of receipt of this money

Very Respectfully
Edwin Beecher

Office Bureau of Land & Surveys
Montgomery Ala Aug 8th 1867.

Danforth J.
To Genl Fred C. Callis

General.

Enclosed find testimony in case of Bunett Houston (Cal) vs G. S. Nauston, which is most respectfully referred. I would not clutter your attention with so voluminous a document only to show my manner of doing business. I would respectfully state that the witnesses here presented were those chosen by Bunett (Cal) and that the opposite party introduced only one witness. None of the witnesses testified in favor of Bunett whom I decided should stand discharged unless the Commissioner should order otherwise. I would most respectfully state that the said Bunett flatly denied making the reports which he did at your Office. I respectfully ask for approval of the discharge or other instructions in the premises.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. Danforth agt &c.

Union August 7th 1867.

Guoin C. C.
To Genl Callis

Dear Sir

I am not yet done receiving the Corn & of course can't say whether there are (336) sacks amounting to 40,766 pounds or not &c. General the last check I received from you is dated July 25th this make the 3rd check I have received from you & if this is intended for to pay for July there is one due me for June please don't fail to send me the 3 blanks no 4 which I wrote for some days ago.

Respectfully &c

C. C. Guoin agt &c.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L. Sanders
Houston Ala. Aug 2nd 1867.

Nyde H. N.
To Hon^{ble} Brig Genl Jno B. Callis
Sub Asst Com^{dr} Huntsville Ala.

Sir

please find enclosed my report or list of the several Justices of the Peace with their Post Office address and the limits of their jurisdiction as now acting in Winston County. Pursuant to your order through St. Maj Jno. Jones then acting Sub Asst Com^{dr} Huntsville Ala. dated July 22nd 1867. I also received blank receipts for my signature for the amount of Corn and Bacon received by me. I have not as yet received any Bacon therefore I am at a loss to know what to do with the receipts unless I was in receipt of the Bacon. then I could set forth the number of pounds received. The order required me to sign the receipts and return them forth with. This of course can not be done until I receive the Bacon unless I was to sign the receipt for the Corn and return it. This I could do but I imagine that it would be incorrect to do so. according to the words of the receipt if my view is wrong please let me hear from you. I will try to be at Huntsville in a few days

H. N. Nyde.

agt Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Decatur Ala. Aug 7th 1867.

Sheats & Co.

To Genl Jno B. Callis

Sir

I ship to your care a bill sacks

Morgan Co. Sacks

276 sacks

W. J. Pointier Sacks Marshall Co.

322 "

Yours Respectfully

Hon^{ble} C. E. Sheats agt
by Rev A. D. Harbor

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D.C. July 26th 1867.

Thomas Ch^{as}.

To St Brig Genl J. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala

Sir

Your Returns of Q. M. Stores as Sub Asst Com^{dr} at Huntsville Ala for the months of May & June 1867. have been received through Bureau R. F. & A. L. and when examined will be sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement of which you will be duly notified

By Order of the Quartermaster General.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Ch^{as} Thomas

A. Q. M. General

St Maj Genl W. F. A.

War Department R. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C. Aug 7th 1867.

Whittelsey A. M.

To St Brig Genl Jno B. Callis

Huntsville Alabama.

Sir

Your Monthly accounts "Quartermaster Stores and Clothing and Calup and Garrison Equipage Q. M. Dept." for the month of July 1867. have been received, examined, and forwarded to St. Maj Genl M. C. Weigs Quartermaster Genl W. F. A.

By Order of Maj Genl A. Howard Com^{dr}

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Nemy W. Whittelsey

Ch^{as} Q. M.

St Maj Genl W. F. A.

Decatur Alabama
August 5th 1867.

Guthrie J. H.
To Genl. D. B. Callis

Sir:

Your note making inquiry about papers of one Moses Gordon is this day received. I would state in answer that said Moses Gordon made application for additional Bounty through one Col. Jos. A. Putnam (now in Chicago Ill) the papers made out by Putnam were minus power of Atty.

I received from Messrs Brinkerhoff, Bentley & Ayers some three months since a blank power of Attorney which I had Moses Gordon execute and I returned the same to B. B. & A. who acknowledged the receipt of same since which time I had nothing from Gordon's papers. The said Power of Atty gave power to sign said Gordon's name to Treasury warrant (have forgotten the number) for the amount of \$300^{00/100}.

Hoping the above may be satisfactory

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Brinkerhoff Bentley & Ayers
P.O. Box 6321.

Washington D.C.

J. H. Guthrie

Box 4. Decatur Ala

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Aug 7th 1867.

Kinsman O.S.

To Brig Genl D. B. Callis

S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General.

Many vacancies are now unders to exist in the Judicial Offices of the State at this season when the corn is already gathered and the cotton nearly ready for picking and the planters therefore are in many cases availing themselves of various trifling pretexts to discharge their labors without pay. It is of special importance that these offices should all be filled by loyal men in order that the laborer may have speedy access to a tribunal when justice will be done them. You will therefore inform yourself of all vacancies existing in your Sub District and forward report thereof to this office at the same time recommending some man for the position who can take the test oath.

In reporting the vacancies it is essential that the cause thereof should be stated. Do not wait for a full report from all parts of your Sub District but make report as the vacancies come to your knowledge.

By Order of

Major Genl Wager Swayne.

Ed Kinsman
Sub Dist Comm

Florence Ala. Aug 10th 1867

Mr. Vay. N. N.
To his Callin.

Dear Sir,

I do not wish to be troublesome to you or any one. To whom am I to look unless it is to officers of the U. S. G. The Union men have no showing in the hands of the Rebels. I say union men such as was before the Rebellion and such as was during the war and such as is union still. You must know that 4 fifths of all the officers are held by disloyalist. I say there are men in this County who now hold offices that had one man arrested during the war who refused and would not take Confederate money for his Beef he butchered. I had him sent to Head Quarters of the Rebels. Now the case I shall state to you is one that I layed before Gen. Swayne in June last. When I was at the Convention in Montgomery. It is the case of a Colored man I will state to you and the Maj. - Let me here remark that Gen. Swayne told me to lay the case before you and Maj. Occleston - he knew you would attend to it & if you would not. I must write him & that he would. That the did of right belong to the U. S. G. and in fact all stock branded U. S. or C. S. unless they had a Certificate of Sale from some U. S. G. This is a case of Attachment. John Hayle & John Mays against the property of James Turner deceased. For two mules branded one C. S. the other U. S. no Certificate for either one of the mules was sworn to by Nicholas Hawkins Col. man & one of the freedmen that had worked for Turner. the mules was gotten during Nov. 1864. by Turner and Nicholas Hawkins and much other property which Turner converted into his own use. Now Gen you and the Major have the right to take all Government property & if you will send down two or three men I will show them not only these two mules but more & some cattle. Our Circuit Court will be on the 2nd Monday in September

next. I saw Col. Dimes at Tusculumbia during your absence & she told me to write to him & he would see Maj. Occleston on the subject & have it attended to. I wrote him some two weeks ago. & no answer. The fact is unless you and the Maj. does something for the poor Freedmen. He will loose his mules. The Turner family is against Nicholas Hawkins and they will swear that black is white or anything else that is false - they were all rebels of the deepest dye & he was one of the boys that was in the rebel Army. has now one of the mules branded U. S. the fact is I am security for Nicholas Hawkins & I think I hope you and the Maj. will not let me loose by the curse of rebels. If you wish me to come up & bring the freedmen to see you I will do so. I am still lame have not walked one step for 21 months. Gen. G. E. Spencer who was A. A. G. for Gen. G. M. Dodge and who was not by since at Decatur. Can assure you to what I was I have my commission as U. S. G. and many papers from the highest U. S. officers. I hope you will let me hear from you. my best regards to D. S. Sliger & Col. Dimes I am as usual.

A. W. McKay

P. S. These mules was sworn to by the Freedmen & Turner now. the trial for the property takes place at the Court. If Maj. O. takes the mules will put an end to the suit. my best regards to Maj. O. C.

A. W. McKay

Guntersville Marshall Co. Ala.
July 25th 1867.

Elliott J. W.
To Gen. Jno B. Wallis.

Sir:-

I have the honor herewith to
Volunteer a Statement of a "few notes of the way" on the
Conduct of the Bureau for this County. I shall not deal
in General charges but will give a few particulars &
Specifications that have come under my own observation
and are susceptible of undoubted proof.

1st I charge Mr W S Pointer with cheating every one
who draws by giving scant measure instead of weight.

2nd I charge him with making false returns.

3rd That he sells the Corn for his own benefit.

4th That he is a fool for selling below the market.

5th That he employs more assistance than is necessary and
pays them liberally out of the Corn. On the first charge
the report is in pounds & sacked Corn measure a better than
it weighs. he always measures and that very scant.

On the 2nd Each head of family is sworn that she received
the number of pounds set opposite her name. That is filled
out at about 28. pounds to each person drawn for while
he directs his assistants to measure less by from one to
two pecks. I give instances that I saw near the close of
the drawing on the 22nd inst.

Ballie Kirkland	Total 5. Corn 140 pds	two Bushels
Cross to her name one given	84 "	one "
" " " " " "	112 "	one & 1/2 "

and all others in the same style. Sacked him how many he
had issued to. he said about 400 heads of families. If he
gained over 125 bu of Corn he makes the entire entry
entry on the rolls without the applicant knowing what
it is all the sworn to. 3rd He purchased from Tho Flucell
one table and one couch for his office paying in Corn at
\$1.25 per Bushel saying he had a right to buy anything
needed in the house to pay all expenses out of the ration

that he had to have a lounge while guarding the Corn at night.
No one has ever staid in the house he locks the door with
a padlock purchased like the table & and goes to his home
3 miles in the Country. A number of Bushels of the shelled
Corn made by purposely or striking some corn onto the floor
each time the measure is used was sold to Hays & Taylor
at low rates for whiskey. another lot is engaged to Fiddes bar and
I think that Mr Sucks will get some in exchange for numer-
ous qts "spirituous fermenter" bought on Bureau Credit. There
are other transactions of which I shall not speak unless
I had authority to send for men and paper. 4th Selling
to cheap causes Suspicion. 5th Employing 3 stout negro men
at \$1 per day & paying in Corn at half price when one hand
could have done the work and been hired for 50 cents in
Corn at market price. I would say still further that at
one time the supplies issued in this County were a great
blessing preventing actual and otherwise unavoidable star-
vation & death in many instances. For the relief then every
Citizen is grateful to the giver but in my opinion such supplies
have been a damning curse to this County ever since the
maturity of the Corn Crop. Last year this County raised a
considerable surplus of Corn which sold to adjoining Count-
ies last fall at 75 to \$1.00 an abundance of wheat good
Corn now to be bought here at \$1.00 Onions good as ever grew cant-
froid Sale at 50 Vegetables very abundant. a few ready
worky ones obtain a part of these supplies but for the
most part here now the Bureau is a Fort Mase house on
a grand scale. The scenes of several days and nights
of drawing time eclipsing "Smoky Con" after a rum house
dance. It beggar description. The present demoralization
and prostitution continued will soon sink us lower than
Sodom or Gomorrah. The bushel of Corn is given to the
accommodating woman with her bastard young one of a
few months old in preference if not to the utter exclusion
of the virtuous woman and her honest but suffering child.
vide remarks on Rags Children Jane Hill Mrs Nelson
who accommodated. Gentlemen of Color tho he is white. E. A. B.

infinitive I can't point them out to you or any other man
I think I have expressed the opinion of all good citizens
and their desires that nations should cease and the County
take care of her own paupers

I have no position in view by this nor any revenge to gratify
I state facts which I think you should know If you
want any more of the same I will call on me.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
J. Walter Elliott

United States Dist Court
Northern Dist of Ala.
Limestone County.

Personally appeared before
me, D. H. Bingham Reg in Bankruptcy and authorized
to administer oaths Richard Harris and his wife
Dane Harris who being duly sworn depose & say
that by the last will and testament of Mr Harris
deceased late of said County the said deponents are
the largest legates in interest in said Estate that
these deponents are Colored persons and the said
Dane the reported daughter of said testator Harris
that said will has been filed in the office of the
Probate Judge of this County for Probate that these
deponents have been notified by the white heirs and
legates to said will that its validity will be contested
and that one John Turrentine has filed a petition
to the Probate Judge for authority to take possession
of said Estate alleging that the property belonging
to it is going to waste &c. These deponents own that
for the last eighteen years they have lived with said
testator Harris and have taken care of him and
his property and that the crop now growing on the place
are money belongs to them by virtue of their contract
with him and the other has been divided between by

by the terms of the will. These deponents further state in the
present condition of the laws of the Country with the office
of Probate Judge in the hands of a man who has fought
through the Rebellion to keep the Colored race in slavery
and the prejudices against the Black race they do not
believe that justice will be done them in the premises of
the present Court is allowed to adjudicate upon their rights
in the case. They therefore pray the Assistant Commissioner
of the Freedmen Bureau to order and direct said Judge
of this Probate Court of Limestone County to admit said
will to record and to take no further action in the premises
except to give to these deponents a certified copy of said
will and further the deponents say not.

Richard ^{his} Harris
Dane ^{her} Harris

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 7th day of August
A.D. 1867.

D. H. Bingham
Reg in Bankruptcy.

Register's Office in Bankruptcy
Athens Ala. Aug 7th 1867

Bingham D.H.
To Geo Wallis:

Sir. The Enclosed affidavit of Richard
and Dane Harris has been drawn up in accordance with
the facts as shown by the papers on file in the office of the
Probate Judge I have seen the will and it appears to have
been made by a sound man. his personal property he willed to
a Colored woman named Eliza of his former slaves her
lifetime and at her death to Dane and her children
It appears Turrentine has taken much of this personal
property away. I regard the Colored people who are inter-
ested in this property as safe Custodians as any unpro-
vided administration.

D. H. Bingham

Nashville Tenn Aug
July 29th 1867.

Johnson St. S.
To Gen J B Callis.

General.

I respectfully request you
to be so good as to inform Col D. C. Rugg that Leonard
Scott whose discharge as a soldier of Co C 110. U.S.C.
has been given to him to prosecute the claim is a
soldier in the 41st U.S. Infantry Stationed at Brownsville
Texas.

I also would ask you to inform Bickett & Atkin
at Athens Ala. (I think) through your agent that
Addison Key is as the above named man a member
of the 41st Infantry B. & A. are collecting his man's
claim for him.

I remain General

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

Lewis Johnson

1st Lt. 41st Inf R. O.

Office Bureau O. F. & A. S.
Athens Ala. Aug 12th 1867.

Danforth W.

To Gen J B Callis.

Gen.

I drop you a line at the request of
Augustus Blair asking if you could borrow two drums
and two fifes as the colored people intend having
a regular Gala day and Picnic at Fort Hampton
in this County on Friday next the 16th inst.
If you can borrow the articles I will be responsible
for their safe return immediately after it is over.

If they are sent please direct them shipped by Express
to Augustus Blair to my care at this place.

J Danforth. ofc.

See. S. B. 189.

Enclosing check for same July.

Head. Quarters District of Alabama
O. F. & A. S. Montgomery Ala. Aug 8th 67.

Kinsman O. D.

To Bt Brig Genl J B Callis

S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General

Yours of the 5th inst enclosing
the resignation of Maj Jones is received. The Assistant
Commissioner is now absent in the North and will not
return before the 20th inst. The papers will be forwarded to
him there and I shall endeavor to procure the acceptance
of the resignation by the 1st Post.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

O. D. Kinsman

Sub Asst Com

Head. Quarters District of Alabama
Office G. M. O. F. & A. S. State of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Aug 7th 1867.

Browning Geo F

To Gen J B Callis.

General.

Enclosed please find Invo-
ices and blank receipts of Stores pertaining to Bureau
transferred to you in accordance with your requisition. I
have invoiced two Packing cases this time as there was
one omitted on last invoice.

Please return signed receipts at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant.

Geo F Browning

Bt Maj W. S. Vol

Chf G. M.

regards to the will of Mr. Harris some Military interference will be necessary as Turentine has gone and taken possession of certain personal effects of the deceased and carried them away. deceased in the will to Eliza Harris a colored woman her life time. It would seem to me that she would be the proper Custodian of these effects after an inventory had been taken.

What was done yesterday I did not learn before I left for Decatur where I am on business of bankruptcy accept assurances re of

Your obt. Servant

D. H. Bingham

Decatur Ala. Aug 10th 1867
Stribble S. Post & S. Morgan Co.
To Genl D. B. Hallin

General:

We the undersigned citizens of Morgan County Ala. and members of the U. S. would respectfully ask that Capt. Chas. A. Beckert of Decatur Ala. be appointed Freedmen's Agent for said County. Hoping you will give this petition your favorable consideration we remain General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servants

Levis Stribble Post

Samuel Brandan Sec

at the unanimous vote of the U. S.

State of Alabama
Limestone County } Before me W. C. McEmery an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the above County and State.
Personally appeared Mr. S. Parker who makes oath that he is a citizen of the above County and State that on the 20th day of July one Daniel A. & Egg called him up to his house (Eggs) and then insulted him and drew a pistol on him and threatened to blow his brains out for no other reason than that deponent was a loyal man and belonged to the Union League. deponent further saith that in consequence of nearly the whole population being disloyal or rebel it is impossible to get a civil officer in his section of the County to execute the usual process of Law in such cases. and indeed he further saith that were the civil officers to do so the People generally are so intensely disloyal that the civil officers would not be allowed to execute the Law on an offender were such offender a disloyal man a similar case to his (Parker's) was tried or an effort made for a trial thereof on last Friday and the civil officers refused to execute the Law or even arrest the offender. and another occurrence occurred within a half a mile of his residence and the case was so aggravated (Rape) that the offender was arrested but was subsequently released from the officers of Justice by violence.

W. S. Parker
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August 1867.

Seal to 191

W. C. McEmery J. P.
Office R. D. & A. S. Athens Ala.
August 12th 1867.

Dauphine D.
To Genl D. B. Hallin

Genl:

The Enclosed affidavit I think needs immediate attention. The deponent belongs to the U. S. and there is a small Council of the same in his neighborhood whom no doubt needs the protection of the strong arm of the Military authority. Your early attention would protect worthy and loyal men.

Yours &c
D. A. Dauphine

Office Bureau R F & A S.
Athens Ala. August 12 1867

Sauforth D.
To Gen. D. P. Callis.

General.

Enclose you a notice to D. P. Scruggs Esq which you will please cause to be served on him. I leave for Monroville tomorrow as I have several such cases in that neighborhood and I think it would be right to seize their property and hold it until the proper payment is made.

General. I have got somewhat into a scrape which I shall have to most respectfully ask you to help me out or see that I have a fair showing. The facts are there. About ten months ago an affidavit and petition was presented to me asking the removal of W. P. Tanner from the P. O. and recommending the appointment of D. W. Sawyer in his stead. I signed them without reading them under the impression that W. C. McEnry was to be the successor in good truth was a little out of the way when I signed them. Now this man Sawyer belonged to our League and has been exposing everything to our opponents here. and for that reason when a Special of the P. O. Department came here a few days ago, myself and two or three others repudiated the petition it was only signed by about a dozen, and stated our reasons for so doing. A petition is now going the rounds of the County which will obtain the signatures of the entire U. S. for the removal of said Tanner, and the and the appointment of said W. C. McEnry, whom is a U. S. of the right stripe. Now Tanner has got his Copper head friend the said P. O. Special to go to Gen Pope (after my befriending him), and report me as unfit for the position. I hold and is to day circulating the report that I am to be deposed. Gen Pope under a long impression may make an

order to that effect and if he does it will be a hard blow on the U. S. and Colored Citizens of this County whom all every one as it were stand up for my vindication. I would not trouble you with so voluminous a document but the exigencies of the case demand it in self vindication. as I have no doubt I will be misrepresented. Altho good and true men as myself for the same reasons then why should I alone be held to official proscription because I did that which I thought to be my duty?

All I ask you General most respectfully if anything does occur is to suspend any final action until you in person can fully investigate all the circumstances connected with this affair. W. P. Tanner is disfranchised and cannot hold office but even then he would be the least of ten evils for I look upon any man whom would join the U. S. and then expose all its secrets as worse than any honorable rebel. I am looked upon throughout this County as one among the head and radical party, Republican and a pioneer and foremost promoter of its interests here. I ask you Gen most respectfully to excuse this long document, and shall quietly & friendly submit to any imposition you may place upon me in the premises believing that Justice and truth will prevail in the end.

I remain General.

Most respectfully

Your obt Servant.

D Sauforth.

Agt &c.

Aug 14 1867.
Scruggs notified
Callis

War Department A.D. & A.S.
Office Chief G.M. Washington Aug 12 '67

Whittlesey H.M.
To Gen D Ballin.

Sir:-

Your reply (with enclosure) to the Remarks made by this office on your property and account. Stores pertaining to Bureau A.D. & A.S. for the month of May 1867, has been received examined in this office and referred to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for file with the account, to which the remarks relate.

Enclosed: Satisfaction and remarks with drawn
By Order of Maj. Gen O. Howard Comd
Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant.

Henry M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Gen &c

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page 472.

War Department A.D. & A.S.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Aug 12 '1867.

Whittlesey H.M.
To Bt Brig Gen. D.B. Ballin

Sir:-

Your reply (with enclosure) to the Remarks made by this office on your property account. Stores pertaining to Bureau A.D. & A.S. for month of June 1867, has been received examined in this office and referred to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for file with the account to which the remarks relate.

Enclosed: Satisfaction and remarks with drawn
By Order of Maj. Gen O. Howard Comd
Very Resptly Your obt. Servant.

H.M. Whittlesey
Bt Brig Gen &c

War Department A.D. & A.S.
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington D.C. August 12 '67.

Ballock G.H.
To Gen J. Ballin

Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th inst enclosing receipted voucher (in duplicate) of Reuben Matthews late private Co B "14th U.S.C.D. is this day received.

I am very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
Geo H Ballock
Bt Brig Gen &c D.O.

Reucher Edwin
Montgomery Ala. Aug 12 '67.
General:-

The Enclosed were received by me this morning. Please have the omission filled up and return.

Truly Yours
Edwin Reucher.

War Department A.D. & A.S.
Office Chief G.M. Washington Aug 8 '1867.

Whittlesey H.M.
To Gen D.B. Ballin:

Sir:-

Your Property account. Stores pertaining to the A.D. & A.S. for the month of July 1867, has been received examined and forwarded to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and Settlement. Your early attention is called to the following Voucher No 1, Abstract "F" returned herewith receipt not properly filled out, required.

Note. Reply to be marked Vol 2 of accounts page 455 and addressed to Maj. Gen O. Howard Comd.
By Order of Maj. Gen O. Howard Comd.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf. Q. M. O. & A. S.

Head. Quarters Dept of the Cumberland
General Disbursing Office
Sourville Ky Aug 3 1867.

Hamill S. A.

To Gen J. B. Hallis.

General:

I have the honor to return
the account in your favor for Corn of grain and
fuel for July 1867 amtg to \$66.⁹² in consequence
of the inadequate supply of funds at present
at my disposal. the amount on hand being barely
sufficient for the payment of the apcs of Officers
stationed within the limits of this Command.
Payment should be applied for to the Chief
Quarter Master Third Military District.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. A. Hamill
Chf. Q. M. O. & A. S.

Houston Tex.

To Gen J. B. Hallis.

Sir:

Athens August 13 1867.

Some days since Mr. Sauforth was
ordered by you to investigate certain charges which one of
my freedmen had made against me. &c &c. he did as
I think fully and fairly examine the matter & as he
informed me reported the result to you.

I have had a good deal of trouble with that freed-
man did not want to discharge him. it was my interest
to keep him if I could. have do so. in justice to myself and
the other parties interested in the crop. Mr. Sauforth
explained matters fully to him & urged him to perform his
duty. I on other occasions did the same in the most
kind and pleasant manner - after that finding he was
disorganizing the labor on my place and greatly endan-
gering the crop. I got Mr. Sauforth to go down and see
him on the place & urge him again to a proper discharge
of duty and good conduct and when after all
of these efforts were made for the good of all his failed
& Bernard the Freedman continued disobedient and
out of the line of duty I presented the matter to Mr
Sauforth & he told me to discharge him which I did
& all the under the Contract in such case he had in-
flicted his pay &c. Yet I told him and repeated it
to Mr. Sauforth that I would not have his work
without pay & told them I would settle him
and pay him fully and promptly for the time
he had been with me on the place - he however made
charges to you which were wholly unfounded grounds
as they were proper to be both white and black. I
had put myself to trouble to have them register -
sent for them and they did register no objection
was made to their going to the Barbours on the
contrary every one that asked was granted leave
without a word of objection and nothing said.

to those who went without asking permission
 Pennard after the charges made to you agreed to settle
 with me and we would have settled but for Mr. Bingham
 who he says advised him to a Contrary Counsel. He
 has been as charged by authority of Mr. Sanford
 yet under the advice of Bingham he is on the
 place disobedient, idle & very disorganizing in
 his conduct and conversation & as I firmly believe
 will be (if not removed) the cause of my failure
 to take care of and gather my crop and
 while I have been in all things careful of the
 rights & interests of freedmen and do not intend
 to commit a wrong - yet I don't want to suffer
 by the wrongs of others & I now appeal to you
 for an order requiring him (Pennard Houston)
 to leave my place. I regret to trouble you but self
 protection of the interests of the other freedmen inter-
 ested in the crop require that I make this applica-
 tion to you may I ask an early reply

Very Respectfully &c
 Geo S Houston.

Montgomery Aug 8th 1867.
 Quicksack M.A.
 To W. C. Arthur.

Sr. Sir:

Governor Patton thinks
 we can aid the Counties in Genl Callis's District
 to remove their Supplies from the Rail Road Depots
 when necessary when if the Government can transport
 them to the R.R. depots most convenient of access.
 The Government will send some money to Huntsville
 to arrange with Genl Callis will be in Huntsville by the
 18th inst. If Genl Howards order be so modified
 as to prevent issue of Supplies purchased & delivered
 by letter to Talladega & Huntsville. I remain &c
 M. A. Quicksack.

Office O.R. & F. & S.

Atlanta August 2nd 1867.

Georgia
 Fulton Co } Personally appeared before Jas L. Dunning
 Agt O.R. & F. & S. Sarah Lamar who being duly sworn
 deposes and says that she is the mother of a girl child
 whose name is "Francis" now living with Andrew Horn
 at Bridgeport Ala or Tenn and that said girl is
 about 14 years old and was taken from St. Clair County
 Georgia by said Andrew Horn in whose family she
 then lived. Deponent further says that she is able
 and willing to maintain her own children and has written
 5 letters to Andrew Horn requesting him especially
 in the last letter to send her child to Atlanta.
 Deponent further says that she has never received any
 answer to any of these letters and now makes application
 through the O.R. & F. & S. to recover her child "Francis"
 and prays that assistance may be given through the Depart-
 ment.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 2nd day of
 August 1867.

Sarahth Lamar
 Jas L. Dunning
 Agt O.R. & F. & S.
 Atlanta Ga.

Post. Office Atlanta Ga.
Aug 10th 1867.

Woodward P.H.
To Maj Gen Pope.

Sir:-

on the 7th inst I was in Athens Ala for the purpose of investigating certain charges made by W. B. Bingham and others against Wm P. Tanner P. Martin. Among the papers was an affidavit covering two pages of letter sheet signed by James Sanford Agent Freedmans Bureau. When this affidavit was read to Sanford in presence of Tanner he at first denied all knowledge of the document but on being confronted with his own chirography plead that he must have been drunk when he wrote it and hence totally unconcious of what he was doing. He pronounced the charges contained in his own sworn statement to be false.

Prominent Citizens of Athens give this Sanford a very bad character asserting he grossly prostitutes the trust Confided to him.

Very Respectfully

P.H. Woodward

Special Agt. P.O. Spt.

See E. J. 100

Head. Quarter District of Alabama
Bureau A. T. & A. Sanders
Montgomery Ala. Aug 13th 1867.

Krusman O. S.

To St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis.

S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General.

Yours of the 9th inst in reply to communication from this office of the 5th inst. is received. In reply I have to say that Mr. Rubens claim can be paid if made out on service voucher. This will apply to all persons temporarily employed hereafter. On the return of the assistant Commissioner it is hoped that the supplies now on hand will be disposed of at once and the renting of stores rooms be thereby rendered necessary.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

O. S. Krusman

Sub. Asst. Comr.

Huntsville Ala. Aug 17th 1867.

Jones Maj. Gen.

To St Brig Gen J. B. Ballis

S. A. C. Dist. No. 1. Ala.

General

In compliance with Special Order No 50 dated Office Sub Asst Comr P. O. Spt. Huntsville Ala. August 12th 1867. I have the honor to report having proceeded to Florence Ala. and accompanied by S. A. W. M. Vay. I called on the parties having certain abandoned property in their possession and on investigation I found that the mules referred to by S. M. Vay in his letter of 10th inst were the property of the United States for which the parties could show no bill of sale from proper Government Officers. The mules were then seized by me and forwarded by our address by Memphis & Charleston RR from Tusculum Ala.

I am Genl. Very Respectfully

J. B. Ballis

War Department O. & F. & S.
 Claim Division Washington
 August 10th 1867.

Fowler Wm
 To Genl. Jno. Ballis
 S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Genl

I am directed by Maj Gen
 O. C. Noward, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt
 this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the
 case of the following named discharged soldiers

Prince Bradford	"A"	"Co."	17	Regt	U. S. C. D.
Nich Beasley	"B"	"	15	"	"
George Rogers	"E"	"	40	"	"
William Clarke	"C"	"	44	"	"
Amos Warner	"H"	"	44	"	"
David Parbour	"	"	"	"	"
Wm Payton	"G"	"	"	"	"
Andy Smith	"D"	"	"	"	"
Wm Ellis	"C"	"	101	"	"
George Washington	"H"	"	1	"	"

Very Respectfully

Your Oth Servant

Wm Fowler

Asst. Adjt. Genl

Head-Quarters Dist of Alabama
 O. & F. & S. Montgomery Aug 15th 1867.

Kiusman O. S.

To St Brig Genl Jno. Ballis

S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Genl

In your monthly report
 of Rations issued to Freedmen you omitted to account
 for the difference between the "Aggregate" and "Aggregate
 Last Report" The omission was supplied at this
 office by dropping 7 in the column "Discharged". Such

difference must hereafter be regularly accounted for

By Order of

Maj Gen Hager Swayne

O. S. Kiusman

Sub. Asst. Comdr

Register Office in Painsbury
 Athens Ma. August 13th 1867.

Bingham D. N.

To Maj Gen O. C. Noward

Commissioner Freedmans Bureau.

Sir:-

When I left
 Washington in April last, you asked me to write you
 reporting you as to the condition of things in regard to the
 Freedmen Affairs in this Section of Ala. untill now
 nothing has transpired worthy of your Official interference
 and hence I have not troubled you. The time has now
 arrived, when the crop is laid by and the work of the
 Freedmen not being absolutely necessary them working
 on shares are being turned off under some trifling pretext
 with a view to force them to sell their interest in the crop
 for a trifling Consideration and depend upon hiring the
 same or other labor hereafter to gather it by the day
 or month - This I understand is being done very generally
 and I have today been applied to by two freedmen who
 have been thus treated. both of whom I have advised to go
 back and stay till the crop was matured, gathered and
 divided, and not to suffer themselves to be forced into
 a necessity to sell their share of the crop. The crop on
 the ground this year is the best that has been produced
 for the last fifteen years - and the freedmen have gen-
 erally worked well and faithfully especially those
 working on shares - For the past two years they have
 been turned off many of them without pay and to
 be sowed the same this year when the prospect of a
 remunerative reward for their labor is so good in the outlook.

(over)

Kind of injustice. Permit me therefore to suggest the propriety of giving further protection to freedmen by making an order that no crop shall be permitted to leave the plantation on which it was made until all the employees engaged in working it be fully and justly paid. They are doing the colored people great injustice in the system of orders on shares providing here in this, that the freedmen being ignorant and unable to comprehend accounts the find themselves at the end of the year in debt \$50. to \$100 when the real value of what they have received would not amount to perhaps \$50. I have sent to Judge Edmunds of the Great Republic Washington an extract from the "Memphis Avalanche" developing the programme as the Rebel determination to refuse employment to all freedmen who join the Union League, vote against the wishes of their Employer or register even. The same determination has been made here. Since I commenced this letter a party of freedmen have called at my office and informed me that they have been discharged and driven off and forbidden the premises - because they have registered as voters - that they have worked faithfully and industriously - have a good crop on hand have gardens which go far towards supporting their families, and if obliged to leave the premises now their families and themselves must suffer. If these practices are allowed the Govt will be compelled to contribute largely to the support of this class of freedmen through the winter.

The article from the Memphis Avalanche to which I have alluded will be published in the "Great Republic" and I call your attention to it. Having as briefly as possible stated to you facts in reference to an evil that calls for your official interposition I will only add that Gen Callis is discharging his duty faithfully and doing all he can to ameliorate the condition of freedmen and to protect

them in their rights - but the misfortune is his orders are not obeyed.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

D. H. Bingham

The two freedmen just named in this letter have been working a crop on shares with the Hon Geo S. Houston formerly M. C. from this State.

DeKalb Co. Ala. August 12th 1867.

Gilbreath M. M.

To At Brq Gen Jacob Callis.

Genl.

Owing to my illness I have been unable to send my last monthly report in any sooner I have issued. the amount set upon the reports and will issue the remainder this week. I also send the receipts No 1 enclosed in the report. I will ship the sacks to Decatur as soon as I get through issuing. Genl I believe that DeKalb Co. after this month can do without any more corn sent. But you can send one or two thousand pounds of Bacon for the month of August. It will give a great assistance to the poor people of this County. I know them to be in great need of it. Please send some by the next boat.

Send my Dues and Duty checks or the money by mail. I rather you would send the money.
Your Obedient Servant
M. M. Gilbreath
agt B. C. F. & S.

Dodsonville Ala. Aug 14 '67

Col. John E.
To Genl Jno B. Callis
Newsville Ala.

Dear Sir

Having been informed by my friend C. Q. Whitney of Scottsboro that was ready and willing at any time to give all the information that you could to any member of the U.S. of A. I saw a member of the 5th and also late a Soldier of the 26th Army. The information that I wish to give is concerning pay due discharged Soldiers I have a discharge belonging to a young man who served in the first Independent Regt of Cavalry which was made up in Nor. Ala. when the Regt was mustered out of Service it was sent to Nashville Tenn to be paid off. and he was sick and could not go. and it is just laid so ever since. He is a poor Boy and needs all the money he can get. I supposed you could give me some instruction how to proceed. I respectfully ask you to give me all the information you can concerning how I should proceed to collect the shortest and quickest and you will oblige

Your Friend.

Jno. E. Cox

Office R. R. & S. Athens Ala Aug 16 '67

Sauforth D.
To Genl J. B. Callis.

Genl

Enclosed please find receipt for check. Not having the check here I have forgotten the number and leave it blank.

Genl. Please send me Blanks in triplicate of form No 4 as I saw nearly through issuing Cans and used the only three I had left of that No on 25th last month.

D. Sauforth. a. b.

Registers Office in Bankruptcy
Athens Ala August 17th 1867.

Bingham D.N.
To Genl Jno B. Callis

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 14th inst came to hand this morning. Containing Copy of Order to Judge of Probate. I do not know what was done with the case last Monday but have requested Mr Sauforth to find out and inform you. Mrs Turentine however as Administrator has taken possession of the personal property of the testator which he left to a colored woman named "Elin" and which was in her custody, and some of which consisting of House hold and Kitchen furniture. She, it occurs to me she ought to have the use of. I have understood from reports that the instructions is to depose those Colored people of all the property "delivered" to them under the will. Bunell Nauston came to me again today and informed me that he had been at work on his crop for a week. but that Sam Nauston had refused to supply him with rations and he had borrowed as long as he could. that this morning when he caught his horse to go to work. Sam ordered him to let the horse alone and ordered him off. and he had come to me as you had told him. I gave him \$5.00 to buy him provisions and sent him back to go to work. From what I can learn from outsiders it is the intention to tramp Bunell till they force him off to sell his crop as it is represented that he has a good crop on hand. This is the program of several. I understand who have crops worked on Shaws - and unless the freedmen are protected they will be wronged out of their labor.

I think if an order was sent to Sam Nauston informing him that this man Bunell will be protected in his rights in this particular and that he must be furnished rations - that there would be no more difficulty. or if rations were not furnished him according to agreement Nauston would be required to pay an equivalent. Should you do this General you not mention my name.

in the matter - as I have enough to bear already. The Colored people had their Barbecue yesterday and everything passed off quietly. There were a few rebels there but they made no disturbance except one fellow who was soon made to hush up. The program (military) was quite impressive and conducted with much order. Shall leave to meet my courts at Russellville Florence.

Very Respectfully &c
S. H. Bingham

Montgomery Ala. Aug 17th 1867.

Beecher, Edwin.

To Gen Jno B. Ballis.

General:-

By a late order from the Chief of the Pay District at New Orleans all officers serving in the District are to be paid by some Paymaster of the State in which the Officer is serving, or by the one designated for that purpose at New Orleans and the Officer is requested to select by whom he will be paid and notice of his election is to be given by the Paymaster so selected to the Chief of the District. Officers on duty in Alabama may be paid by Maj D. P. Cauley at Mobile or myself.

You I suppose are in the New Orleans District (though of that I am not entirely certain) and if so will have to elect whether to be paid here, at Mobile, or New Orleans.

Please advise me, that I may give the notice to Chief of the District.

Truly Yours
Edwin Beecher
P. M. &c

Decatur Ala. Aug 12th 1867.

Ford, Jonathan.

To Genl Ballis:-

Caroline Minor Col'd. The wife of Frank Minor deceased who was a private Co K 111th U. S. C. D. is anxious to know if her money is ready her health is very bad and she needs it to supply herself and child with the comforts of life hoping to hear from you in a few days and know whether it is necessary for her to go up to see you.

See S. S. III. b.

Respectfully &c
Jonathan Ford.

Scottsboro Ala. Aug 19th 1867

Whittney C. O.

To Gen Jno B. Ballis.

General:-

We send you by today's mail report of corn issued, in July. It would have been forwarded sooner but the man we sent to issue to the destitute of that portion of the Country on the South Side of the Tennessee River failed to make his return until Saturday consequently. I trust you will pardon the delay. I have concluded since I made out the abstract of July issues that I ought to have entered the 2028* of Stolen Corn in them but for fear I may be wrong in that conclusion I leave it out and you can have your clerks carry it in if necessary. I send triplicate copies of abstract and also of statement relative to the Stolen Corn. If only two are needed it is an easy matter to destroy one. We will ship you a lot of sacks tomorrow. Have you received any Bacon and if so will you ship some for the County. we have a few families that are indeed destitute and truly objects of charity and we would like very much to get them some meat if possible. We have plenty of Corn on hand which we will keep and issue (as you directed) in extreme cases. Everything is quiet and lovely and the Union element is increasing -

rapidly. Have you heard anything relative to the manner in which delegates to the Convention will draw pay for their services. Please write me on receipt of this and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
C. O. Whitney

War Department
Bureau R & A. S. Claim Division
Washington D.C. Aug 10th 1867

Fowler H^{on}
To Bt Brig Gen Jas B. Callis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General:-

I have the honor to
Enclose herewith Circular from the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury calling for additional evidence in the Mothers claim for additional bounty in the case of Monaton Acklyn late Corp'l Co E. 12th Regt U. S. C. I who died April 15th 1866. Subsequent to his discharge from the service of the U. S.
With the evidence please return this letter and Circular from 2nd Auditor

E. O. 193

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Wm Fowler
A. A. Gen

Head. Quarters Dist of Alabama
Bureau R & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 17th 1867

Kinsman O. S.
To Bt Brig Gen Jas B. Callis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

General.

I have the honor to
forward herewith the following appointments of Agents in your "Sub District" at salary of forty one dollar and sixty seven cents \$41.67⁰⁰ per month to date from July 1st 1867.
W. J. Pointer, W. C. Garrison, W. A. Tuge, J. F. Mitchell
James Sanford, C. L. Gwin, C. L. Sheats, S. C. Turrentine
J. N. Green, M. M. Gilbreath

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant
O. S. Kinsman
Sub Asst Commissioner

Montgomery Ala Aug. 17th 1867

Brig Genl John B. Callis
Sub Asst Comm R. & A. S.
Dist - North Alabama

General in accordance

with Circular no 26th War Department Washington D.C. July 26th 1867 I will on the 30th inst cease issuing rations to the suffering of Laurens County. I will have on hand some hundred sacks of Corn will you please advise me by return mail what to do with said balance of Corn on hand and much oblige your friend

C. L. Gwin apth
B. R. F. & A. S. Laurens
Co

Decatur Ala. Aug 17th 1867.Guthrie D. W.
To Gen Jno B. Callis

Sir:

The following Statement has been received forwarded from Washington By -
Briukenhoff Bentley & Ayers Claim Agents. Vg.

The Certificate of Moses Cardon No. 293942 has been in the hands of O. O. Howard B.A. & A.S. since April 19th 1867. Said Briukenhoff Bentley & Ayers have collected their fee from Gen Howard and the amt stands thus -

Moses Cardon "A" 42. U.S.C.

To Briukenhoff Bentley & Ayers -

For prosecuting claim

10.00

Fee oath

50

10.50

Amt of Warrent

300.00

Deduct amt of Fee

10.50

289.50

The above is a true copy of the Statement forwarded me by said Claim Agents

J. H. Guthrie

Moulton Ala Aug 17th 1867

Brig General John B. Callis

Sub-asst Comm. B.R. & A.L.

Dist North Ala Huntsville Ala

Dear General

Yours of the 15th inst is received covering \$41.50 it being in a check drawn by you on Messrs Fordice & Ryson Bankers & Co in full for my services as agent B.R. & A.L. for the month of July 1867

Respy yours &c

C. C. Hewitt agent

B.R. & A.L. Lawrence Co

Scottsboro Ala Aug 5th 1867.

Whitney C. O.

To Gen Jno B. Callis

Dear General:

Yours of today was received by the hands of Mr Figures and I am under many obligations for your kind remarks but regret very much that you were so situated as to prevent your coming up and speaking to us. We had a very good attendance and were addressed by Mr Figures and Mr Douglass and their remarks were very appropriate and beneficial to the Cause in this County. I read one portion of your letter to some of our best men and they said, "God for the General" That's the way we like to hear men talk &c.

Very Truly Yours,

C. O. Whitney

Office A. A. G. M. B. R. & A. L.
Mobile Ala. Aug 16th 1867

Sogaw St. Dav

To St Brig Gen Jno B. Callis

General.

I respectfully request that you will sign and return receipts for the Corn and Bacon shipped to you by myself in July - at the earliest possible moment, as I am on the eve of quitting the service and desire to settle up with the Department: which I cannot do without your receipts

I have the honor to be Sir

Very respectfully Your Obedt Servant

Joseph Sogaw

2^d St V.A.C. & A. A. G. M.

Raney W. A.
To Genl Jno B. Hallis
Muskville Ala.

Decatur Ala. Aug 16th 1867

Sir
You will please send me
the Cert. (if) for the shipment of 336 Sacks of corn from
here to Athens Ga. We would as soon have the
voucher as money as they are indebted to the Government
If you send me the Cert please return the voucher that
I inclosed

Most respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. A. Raney agt
J. B. Hallis

Muskville Aug 15th 1867

McDonald J. Made
To Genl J. B. Hallis:

Sir:

The Boy Charles Hallis
was at the last account I heard of him in the employ
(or at least staying with) some parties near Okolona
Miss. Albert Ritchie is the only one of the party with
whom I am personally acquainted. Ritchie and a man
named Gibson own a race horse and this boy is
was riding for them. By applying to Capt S. C.
Makley or Andy J. Myers (both of Okolona) the
whereabouts of the boy can very readily be ascertained.
I received a letter from A. J. Myers a few days ago
in which he stated that the boy was anxious to get home

I am Sir
Very Respectfully Yours Obedt Servt
J. Made McDonald

War Department B. B. Paul. A. S.
Claim Division Washington D. C.
August 12th 1867

Fowler, Wm

To St Brig Gen Jno B. Hallis
St Brig Genl Wager Swayne
Asst Comm: Bureau &c
Montgomery Ala.

General:

I am directed, to
enclose herewith the discharge paper of the following named
discharged Col. Soldier and to inform you that his claim
against the Government is allowed, and the amount
\$206²⁰ in the hands of St Brig Gen Geo St Balloock chf
Dis Officer of this Bureau for remittance to Claimant
Benjamin Hammond, Compsy Sergt 17th U. S. I. I.
The claim was forwarded by St Brig Gen J. B. Hallis
Capt at Muskville Ala.

Please acknowledge receipt of discharge paper at
your earliest convenience.

See B. B.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm Fowler
A. A. Gould

Miss A. F.
To Mrs Mary Laughinghouse
Madam.

Enclosed please find a
blank proof of dependence on your late son Edward it is
required in your pension claim. please fill it out as
required by the accompanying Circular and return to
me at your earliest convenience. and oblige
Very Respectfully
A. F. Kliese

Montgomery Ala Aug 19th 1867.

Beecher Edwin

To Gen Jno Ballis:

Genl.

I return the Voucher of Mr. Rablee. The account must be made out for the whole amount at \$100⁰⁰ per month which would be \$60. and then on the face of the account deduct the tax. The balance would be as you have it \$59⁰⁰.

I am sorry of putting you to this trouble, but will prevent more trouble hereafter.

Truly Yours/
Edwin Beecher

Ashville Ala. June 20th 1867.

Dear Pomp. Springfield N.J. & others
To C. O. Whitney.

Sir:

below you will find the names of the pupils of this place which you will send a Teacher of good moral habits as early as possible.

Dec. 1944 & 1945

Yours
Very Respectfully
N. J. Springfield

Montgomery Ala. Aug 8th 1867.

Laurelshank M. A.

To Capt H. L. Arthur

Ar Sir

Governor (Patton thinks we) can aid the counties in Genl. Ballis Dist. to remove their supplies from the Railroad Depots when necessary. If the Government can transport them to the R.R. Depots most convenient of access the Governor will send some money to Huntsville next week for this purpose and will go up to Huntsville to arrange with Genl. Ballis. will be in Huntsville by the 18th inst. If Genl. Howards order be so modified as to prevent issue of supplies purchased, advise me by letter to Talladega & Huntsville.

I am

Remain Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
M. A. Laurelshank

Cont

War Dept. (U.S. & D.) Claim Division
Washington Aug 20th 1867.

Fowler Wm

To St Brig Gen J. Ballis

S. A. W. Huntsville Ala.

Genl.

I am directed by Major General C. V. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following named discharged soldiers.

William Hobbs N Co. 14 Regt W. S. C. D.

James Shanklin Co. 12 " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm Fowler
a General

Office Bureau A.P. & A.S.
Athens Ala. Aug 20th 1867.

Danforth James
To Gen. Probation

General.

The Colored people on the Bonny plantation are all up today. but Mr Bonny has not made his appearance. I went to his plantation on Wednesday last and levied and levied on all his stock which was all the available property I could find. Shall I proceed to sell immediately or shall I give the usual public notice? These freedmen are in a suffering condition and I wish to get their money for them as early as possible. This is the first case in which I have had to levy on property to get the rights of the freedmen and from what I can learn I will have to push it to a sale in order to secure this money. I think it best to give ten days notice of said sale and perhaps by that time he can settle with them. By so doing we cannot be charged with any unfairness. Perhaps if you cause the enclosed notice to be handed to Mr. Bonny it would cause him to get round and if he does not I am bound to pay those freedmen.

Very Respectfully &c

James Danforth, agt.

Notice

I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, on the plantation known as the "Saw Pele place" on Saturday August 31st 1867. Six head of Mules three head of horses a lot of cattle and stock hogs and a lot of farming utensils levied on as the property of S. P. Bonny to secure the payment of the wages due certain freedmen for labor performed during the year 1866. Sale within the usual hour.

J. Danforth
agt. B. P. & A. S.
Limestone Co

Office Bureau A.P. & A.S.
Athens Ala Aug 20th 1867

Danforth J.
To Gen. Probation

General.

I have the honor to most respectfully report that the judge of Probate of this County refused to obey your order in regard to the Harris will case, and he has written to Shul. Swaine on the subject. I do not know and am not familiar with the laws on the subject of the probate of wills but I know that the opposite party have employed strong counsel who will make strenuous efforts to set that will aside. I employed ed. James L. Connor Esq. to represent the colored parties interest.

I also think it my duty to report according to the order of Gen. Pope, that several of our officers cheerly oppose and use all their influence to defeat reconstruction under the recent acts of Congress. I will especially name Charles W. Raister whom is now stumping the County in opposition to a convention. He is a member of the Alabama Legislature and I construe that he is a State Officer until a new election, as if there was a call session of that body now he certainly would be a member. He is using all his influence against said Congressional acts and is not alone in said opposition.

Very Respectfully

J. Danforth
agt. B. P. & A. S.

Office Bureau (B.T. & A.S.)
Athens Ala Aug 22 1867

Dauforth
No. 12nd St. Athens

General

Mr. Seneca came today with your instruction to give a lien, which I think is fair and I think I can succeed in making satisfactory to the colored parties. I have set next Saturday the 31st as the day at which to execute the lien. You need not show him that advertisement as I have suppressed advertising the property for sale.

Mr. Newton is at me again about his manumission whom according to evidence is discharged, but will draw his portion of the crop. but he is so demoralizing that Newton wants an order for him to leave the place and go some place else to work the remainder of the year. They are cropping on the share and by his conduct is injuring the interest of all other parties. He does not pretend to work at all and is all the time making interruptions with other hands. I do not wish to do anything more than I have done without further orders.

Yours Respectfully &c
Dauforth, agt &c

New Market Aug 22 1867

(Rice Joseph)
To J. H. Green.

Dear Sir,

I should not have troubled you with this had I been personally acquainted with Col. Callis (Peter McCray who I have known from his boyhood and who I believe to be an honest man. Indolent & shiftless though (has but poor health) come to me in distress having his property levied on and advertised for sale and required me to aid him to pay the debt. Upon investigation I am of opinion that his case has been badly managed and that he should have a new hearing before a proper tribunal where he can have justice done since you will therefore please assist Peter in laying his case before Col. who will please hear Peter's statement which he may rely upon so that he may know what should be done in the premises &c

This leaves us all up though not entirely well still have pain about my heart from the effects of Pneumonia with this accept my best wishes for you and your family

Very Respectfully &c
Joseph Rice

Athens, Ala. Aug 22 1867

Mr. C. L. Bellamy, Esq.
To the Hon. Sec. Callis

In reply to your interesting communication of yesterday you will understand the whole proceedings in the case of "Caudis Fletcher" (ad) from which it appears that both the said Caudis and Complainant witness have lied. I shall transmit to you Duane a full copy of the whole proceedings in the case, including your order relation. I shall do the same thing in the matter of the News will &c. which latter case you order me to proceed no farther in the case and in the next breath order me to admit the same to record which is under the laws of Alabama. Probate of the will I shall send these things to you Duane to show him both the nature of the tyranny and the character of the tyrant. To prevent any misunderstanding in the future I now inform you that if Caudis Fletcher does not comply with the understanding and agreement with me I shall make another complaint before a Magistrate and I do not suppose you will expect me to exercise the same magnanimity in that case as in this, that is in not having the prosecution. You will perceive from the enclosed proceedings that the said Caudis was held in custody by the proper officers of the law and in a legal manner that the case was dismissed per agreement which agreement was not complied with on her part as far as my knowledge extends.

Respectfully
Jno B. M. C. Bellamy

War Department, M.D. & S.
Claim Division Washington Aug 21

To Col. Wm.
To Maj Gen Nager Duane
Asst. Comr Bureau &c
Montgomery Ala.

Sir

I am directed to enclose herewith the discharge paper of Humphrey Simmons formerly Morgan (C. S. 17, 18) C. S. 17, 18, where claim against the Government for bounty &c is allowed. The amount \$206.⁸³ is in the hands of St Brig Genl George W. Backus &c &c of this Bureau for remittance to claimant.

I have forwarded by Brig Genl J. B. Callis Supt at Huntsville Ala. Please acknowledge the receipt of enclosed discharge paper at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm. Fowler
A. A. S.

Office B. A. D. & S.
Morgan Co. Ala. Aug 23 1867.

Dear Sir,
To the Hon. Sec. Callis

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st inst containing my Commission. I am obliged to you for your vigilance in securing it at so early a day. I sent the same by this evening train. That is all I have on hand.

I am Yours with respect
B. B. Sheats.
at B. A. D. & S.

Office Bureau A.D. & S.
Athens Ala. Aug 23/87.

Danforth, James
To Genl Jno Ballin

General.

Yours of 20 inst is to hand enclosing appointment of Gen C. C. Howard the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Also see papers in case of Haffley & Smith with your decision as a finality which I will carry out forthwith. I think when I can get that and the Scruggs case settled I will be done with those old head cases. Several of the same kind I have got amicably adjusted without any reference to you. I shall ship you all the Corn Sacks I have on hand immediately. There are some out yet that have not been brought in and I still have some corn on hand. If there is no probability of getting another supply, I think I had best hold on until I run all out to report. but if I must report 25 please let me know I have supplied nearly all the damned destitute with one months action and still have some men left which I am dividing out with the worst cases, which are generally old crippled and destitute freedmen.

Very Respectfully &c
J. Danforth

Florence Ala Aug 23 1867.

Mr. Vay Henry W.

To May Jno Jones.

Dear Sir:

The Judge of our county Court died on the 20 inst. The place of Mr. V. M. Cushman will be filled by Genl Pope. I most respectfully ask you and Genl Ballin to write to the Genl in my behalf from Federal Officer Despatch favors - I intended to have gotten a petition & sent it on - In fact I had one written and signed by several union men - I then went to Judge Casey for him to sign it. he said the lawyers of this place intended to send one for him. I asked him if he could take the Iron clad oath. he said he did not think it would be required, that he thought that Genl Pope would give me the position. There is 10 or 12 Lawyers in this place all of whom was in the rebel Army & held some office. The Judge himself was elected to one Convention in 1860 for Ala not to secede. he went and voted the secession vote with a protest - Came home and went about making speeches for men to volunteer & for men to loan cotton, or money to the Jeff Davis Govt to carry on the war. The uncredit- ional Union men don't like me because I do not wish my sons forgiven & let them hold office unless he can take the Iron clad oath.

I hope that you and the Genl will write at once for me. I hope you are all well. when do you think you will be down to see us.

Yours most respectfully &c
Henry W. Vay.

P.S. I have written to Gen Spencer & Mr. Cushman & several others.

Office Bureau A.D. & A.S.
Florence Ala. Aug 22/67

Rice, A.
To Gen Jno B. Allen

Dear Sir:

I received your most welcome letter of the 20th inst & have the honor to express my gratitude for your kindness continuing my appointment in office again it shall ever be my aim to fulfill the duties of my office according to orders of my Superiors and with promptness & conscientiousness. Should it be required for me to take the oath again would you be so kind as to send me a form? The same I shall forward immediately per mail to Newtville. I have the honor to sign myself ever remaining

Very Respectfully &c
L. A. Tenge
agt B.D. & A.S.

New Market Aug 24 1867

Rice, O.
To Gen Jno B. Allen

Sir:

I received a note from you on the 17th inst dated the 12th inst. by Tom Drake (Clerk) the same presented the case to you. he had not applied for my official act whether mother have I at any time withheld any official act from either white or black. I have now caused E. C. Spraggins to be brought before me and an investigation in the matter, & bound him to appear at the next Circuit Court.

Respectfully &c
Othum Rice J. J. P.

War Department, B.D. & A.S.
Claims Division, Washington D.C. Aug 22/67

Dorothy M.
To Bt Brig Genl. Jno B. Allen
S. A. B. Newtville Ala.

General:

I have the honor to return herewith the Father's Application for arrears of pay set on acct of Laurence Harris late of Co "D" 15th U. S. B. T. With the admission in the Application that the Soldier was a slave, no payment of bounty could be made.

The evidence of the Status of Father and mother incomplete. If the mother be dead proof of that fact must be furnished. It is also that the Father had the care, custody &c. of the children (deceased & included) after her death.

If the Mother be living, evidence must be submitted, showing why she and applicant do not reside together as man and wife.

The evidence required should be in the form of a Supplementary Affidavit by two witnesses.

With the evidence and application please return this letter.

I am General,
Very Respectfully
Your Oth. Servant,
Jno Fowler
A. A. Genl

Quartermaster General's office
Division of Clothing and Equipment
Washington D.C. Aug 21st 1867

Perry Alex D.
To Lt Col. D. B. Wallis
7th Regt. St. Col. U. S. Cal.
Sub Asst Comd. Huntsville Ala.

Sir

Your Return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison Equipment, as sent Col 7th Regt. St. Col. U. S. Cal. and Sub Asst Comd. Huntsville Ala. for the month of March 1867. has been received and examined at this Office, and sent to the Second Auditor of Treasury for Settlement.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
By Order of A. M. Smith
Alex D. Perry
St. Brig Genl Comd. U. S. A.

Adj. Genl Dist of Ala. office Adj. Genl.
B. R. P. & U. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 22nd 1867

Whiting L. D.
To Brig Genl J. B. Wallis

General

Your immediate attention is called to requirements of Circular No 4. of date July 8th 1867 (a copy herewith enclosed) promulgated from this office on July 10th 1867. It is desired that you give this matter your personal attention and see that the reports required are rendered at once.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt. Servt
By Command of Maj Genl W. S. Wainwright
L. D. Whiting
St 45 U. S. Drftry and
Chief Quartermaster

Huntsville Ala Aug 24th 1867

God help J
To Genl J. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala

Sir

Mr. M. Jordan told me last March in the presence of Lethey Edwards that he would fix some accounts she () had against Edwin Pullington & James Edwards. and to send \$70⁰⁰ and arrange it so she could get her money due from them. if she would pay him \$10⁰⁰. I thought the charge was unusually large, but did not object as I considered the notes almost worthless and would do so still. Lethey told me to pay Mr. Jordan \$10⁰⁰. I did so. I collected the money due Lethey from Edwards and paid it to her. the Pullington note is unpaid. Lethey is an honest & industrious woman. She is out of employment has three small children and no money no home but the one I give her. The services Mr. Jordan rendered benefitted her nothing and therefore I think he ought to be made to refund the money. If you will take the Pullington matter in hand, I think you could collect it. otherwise I see no chance.

Yours respectfully &c
J. Godhelps

Probate office Aug 23 1867.

Mr William D. Hall
To Genl Jno B. Harris

Sir,

Yours of the 21st inst. to hand
I was not aware that you expected a reply from me to
your communication of the 10th inst. I however interpreted
that communication to be more in the nature of a
peremptory order than that of a letter as you style it in
your last. Your first contains two propositions
in the following language respectively:—"You will
therefore take notice that it is ordered that further
proceedings in the case will be suspended until
further order from the Asst Comr."—this is one
follows the other—"in the mean time admit the Will
to record in your office furnishing each of the Colored
legates a Certified Copy thereof."—You will at once
perceive the inconsistency of the two the admission of
the Will to record is as you are no doubt aware in
reflection under the laws of Alabama. the very act of
the Probate thereof which I certainly cannot do
out "proceeding in the case."

In answer to your question however the action of the
Court has not been inconsistent with your first order
that is to say I have not "proceeded" since the receipt
thereof. I am prepared at all times to furnish the
Colored legates with Certified Copies of any of
the papers now on file in this office in the case upon
the payment as in all other cases of the fees therefor.

Very Respectfully

Jno. B. McLeellaw
Probate Judge.

P.S. In relation to the Gaudis Fletcher case I have
ascertained since writing to you on the subject that the
two boys Dick & Frank have returned to the employ of Mr
Thos J McLeellaw in compliance with the agreement in
the case as shown by the statement of J. E. Coman
attorney and which return of the said Dick & Frank

is due the parties & should state as I will not knowingly do
them injustice.

Respectfully &c
Jno B. McLeellaw

Scottsboro Ala Aug 26 1867

Whitney L. C.

acty. agt B. R. D. S.

To Genl Jno B. Harris

Sub Asst Comr Dist No. 1 Ala.

General

Some two months since
a colored man living near Stevenson in this County came to
this place & demanded a negro girl about 15 years old of the
Widow Scott. Said he was the father of the child and she
must go with him. Mrs Scott admitted that he was the father
of the girl and that if she wished to go with him she was
at liberty to do so in though she thought as much of
her as she did of her own children. The girl refused to
go with him. Said Mrs Scott always treated her kindly
and provided for her abundantly and she was not going
to leave her as long as she lived. Thereupon the man
went back home. Last Friday he returned and brought
another colored man with him and made the same
request of Mrs Scott and she answered him (as before) that
she was at liberty to go if she wished to do so but the
girl remonstrated against leaving Mrs Scott and said
she would rather die than go with him & whereupon they
seized her and carried her to the depot and put her on
the train and took her away regardless of her cries &
appeals to allow her to stay with Mrs Scott. Neither
myself nor Mr Mitchell were here at the time but these
are facts obtained from reliable persons who will
make oath to the same at any time.

It also appears from reliable information that this
girl's mother died soon after she (the girl) was born &
that it was the dying request of the mother that Mrs
(over)

Scott, keep the child, and it is clearly shown that Mrs Scott has always treated her the child as kindly as she did her own children. Now had this man (though he be her Father) any right to take her away by force and against her will and desire after she arrived at the age of (15) Fifteen years? I think not, but would like to hear from you and be advised how to proceed in the matter.

Please answer as soon as convenient.

Yours Very Respectfully,
 C. Whitney
 adjt 38th U.S.

U. S. Sanitary Commission
 Army & Navy Claim Agency 242 7th St
 Washington D.C. June 8th 1866.

W. F. Bascom.

To Mrs Amanda Garrison
 Huntsville Ala.

Madam

In your pension claim as Widow of Oscar Garrison late Sergt Co C 110th U. S. W. Troops the pension Office unite as follows.
 "The identifying witnesses testified that the parties lived together as husband and wife for four years previous to and up to the date of the Soldier's enlistment. The same witnesses in another affidavit taken about two months later testify that they were present at the marriage of the parties by the Chaplain of the 55th U. S. C. T. The claimant testifies that she was married in July 1862. An Explanation of the discrepancy in the Statement of the witnesses is required. Please return this letter with the Explanation to this office.

Respectfully &c

W. F. Bascom Engrt

Sir: This was sent directly to claimant through the inadvertence of the clerk in June 1866. We now enclose it

to you with the request that you will please forward the required evidence.

Respectfully Yours
 Bascom and Seaton
 per S. T. S.

Montgomery Ala. Augt 24th 1867

Becher Edwin

To Genl Jno. B. Wallis

Huntsville Ala.

General

Enclose check No 1015 for Twenty dollars (\$20⁰⁰) in favor of Maj Geo. Jones for payment of his bill for traveling Expenses.

Truly Yours
 Edwin Becher

McCauley John.

To Genl J. B. Wallis.

General.

The papers you refer to are at the Second Auditors office Washington D.C. left there by myself, and Maj Allen Lee at Stevens has charge of them, who has charge of a number of papers belonging to the same Company, and the parties were notified to that effect. I will see to it. Hoping your health is much improved since I last saw you I remain

Yours ED 226

Your obedient servant
 John McCauley.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama.
Office Superintendent of Education B.R.S. & Co.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 26th 1867.

Buckley C. W.
To Genl. J. B. Hallis
Sub-Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

General.

I am in receipt of your communication of 22nd inst. pertaining to the establishment of Freedmen's Schools in your District. In reply I have to state that the general policy pursued in regard to schools will be the same as last year with such improvements as time and experience suggest. Two things will be aimed at and very reasonable means used to attain them. I A. more complete and thorough organization and classification of our schools. This will necessitate a higher standard of attainments in our teachers; more care in the selection of them, and a more rigid accountability for the manner in which they conduct their schools. Preference will be given to teachers well acquainted with the modern systems of instruction, and such as have had experience in the methods of teaching. It is believed such teachers can be found, and as the prejudice against colored schools is giving away to better feeling, they will be willing to enter upon the work of teaching freedmen.

II. The Co-operation of the colored people themselves will be insisted upon. It is believed that in most places after the present crop is made available they will be able to bear one half of the expenses of their schools.

Preference will be given to such communities as show this willingness. To secure this co-operation the more fully and fairly it is thought best that in every District where a school is located.

there should be selected from among the freedmen, a School Board. Composed of three or five intelligent colored persons charged among other things with the responsibility of raising funds and advising with the teachers and officers of the Bureau regarding the management of the school. Upon this point, however suggestions are invited, as well as upon any other point which may occur to you. In explaining our work for the ensuing year I shall know in a few days what points will be occupied by Northern Benevolent Societies.

I will then inform you of the result and consult ^{with} you regarding points unprovided for. Our work is necessarily assuming the proportions of a school system. If in its enlargement for the coming year you are called upon more frequently than heretofore to contribute your services and counsel, be pleased to regard it as an evidence of the satisfaction with which we contemplate your past labors.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient
C. W. Buckley
Supt of Education

Office B. R. S. & Co.
Houston Ala. Aug 23rd 1867.

Nyde W. H.
To Genl. J. B. Hallis

Sir: Please find enclosed the names of persons to be appointed to fill the vacated offices in Winston Co all of which I recommend to be sound, reliable Union men. Loyal to the Government of the United States and has been all through the war and is yet the same, and men that can take the required oath of office all is quiet in Winston. Peace Harmony and good order prevails.

W. H. Nyde agent
Bureau B. R. S. & Co.

State of Alabama.
Harrison County

D. M. N. Hyde, Agt Bureau R. F. & A. S. hereby recommends and suggests that Asa J. Hays be appointed to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County and State aforesaid and that Wm Farley be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 1. and that Thos. H. Marrow and J. B. Powell be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 3. and that David Spay be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 4. and that John H. Smith and James S. McClintock be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 8 and that Anderson M. Storney and Samuel Wiley be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 10. and that Wilson H. Avery be appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in Beat No. 7.

I recommended the foregoing men to be men of reasonable qualifications for business and strictly loyal to the Government of the United States give all Houston Harrison County Ala.

H. M. N. Hyde, agent
Bureau R. F. & A. S.

Office Freedmens Aid Com West Pa
37 Fifth St Pittsburgh Aug 22 67

Marcellus J. S.

To Genl Jno S. Callis

S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General:

Your telegram is before me you have doubtless received my reply. matters stand thus. owing to the dullness of business and the difficulty of raising funds for carrying on our work among the Freedmen. we were in extreme doubt as to whether we could continue this year at all. and indeed were only able to decide on this point some two weeks or so ago. and then that it must be on a reduced scale.

I explained fully to Miss Kindman our circumstances but she declined, returning except on terms which we could not comply with. having already offered her, in case we could go on more than one third, more than we had given to any other teacher in our employ male or female.

In consequence of her declining, we applied to and shall probably send Miss Kate S. Lyon whom we regard as one of our very best teachers & most judicious. who is well known in Nashville from her labors there winter before last. In case Miss Lyon goes to Huntsville we shall be much obliged by any attention and aid you may be able to give her in her work. Many thanks for kind attention to Miss Kindman & the school there already.

Respectfully yours
Jno S. Callis.

P. S. of course we are taking for granted that the Bureau will continue to pay the rent of Mr Steele's building or one more suitable the coming year. For some reason I have failed to receive answer to my last three letters to Mr Buckley Supt at Montgomery Ala.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Aug 27th 1867.

Kinsman O.S.
To St Brig Genl. J.B. Wallis
S.A. Co. Huntsville Ala.

General.

Your attention is hereby called to a letter from this office of July 16th ordering a list of Justices of the Peace (giving P.O. address &c) to be forwarded to this Office. As yet no report has been received. You will please forward the same without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O.S. Kinsman S.A.C.

War Department B.R. & A.S. Claim Service
Washington Aug 21st 1867.

Fowler Wm.

To St Brig Genl. J.B. Wallis
S.A. Co. Huntsville Ala.

General.

I am directed, by
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the Claim for bounty in the cases of the following named, discharged soldiers:
Thomas Garrison, Co. C. 43 Regt. U.S. C. S.
Patrick Perry Co. 48 " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Fowler aas.

Sakin A.S.
To Genl. J.B. Wallis.

Huntsville Ala. Aug 29th 1867.

John S. Gatewood, of Cherokee Co. Ala. was captain of an independent distaffing Co. and one of the most desperate blood thirsty of all the desperadoes of the South. He made his boast that he had killed 125 men with his own hands. As now in Texas. Kimball, Bosque Co. He raised a Company of 80 men in Tex. with the pretext of defending the frontier from Indian depredations, and engaged in the most extensive wholesale robbery. He is 6 feet 1 inch high, very long red hair, face as handsome as a woman, about 35 years of age, of very fair countenance and very gentlemanly manners. I have been all over the ground reference to him. James Gatewood, Gen. W. Lawrence and hundreds of others.

Rev Wm. F. Linder
Guthrie

Yours Truly
A.J. Sakin

Sakin A.S.
To Genl. J.B. Wallis.

Huntsville Ala. Aug 29th 1867.

Dear Sir:

I report John Hughes Hugh Gunther. Gunther lives at Bridgeport with his Father. Hughes lives on the Mountain with his Father. 4 or 5 miles South of Bridgeport. They shot two Union prisoners in De Kalb Co. Hills Valley. Cut off their fingers to get their gold rings, washed their knives, rings and hands at Mr. Hints made their bags of what they had done. The men were shot in the back of their heads, died at Mrs. Polly Swader. D. Green Rufus Sankford James McCloud, James Hantins, Tom Scott and Ben Green found them. Held my quarterly meeting within one mile of where they were killed last Sabbath. These men went to Texas and have returned.

Polly Swader Mr Hunter Ben Green Gold
Tom Scott Hills Valley De Kalb Co.

A.J. Sakin.

Nashville Aug 29th 67.

Lakin A. J.
To Genl J. B. Wallis

Dear Sir:

I report Sam. Kaison known in time of the war "Whitchawk" of DeKalb County a wholesale murderer and Ar. Reuben S. Price his accomplice and present at most of the shooting. Kaison is a man about 30 years of age 5 feet 4 inches high Auburn hair round fair face lives 8 miles South of Bellefonte four miles North West of Austin Bowers Post Office 300 yards West of Bellefonte & Ramville road. a desperate and Sly man "lays out" by Caution Every way. Price lives not far off. least some 8 or 10 miles One true Bill has been found against Kaison and two against Price for murder in the first degree. and neither bill can be found. My author is Judge Norton Kaison returned from Tex not long since. Price travelled a Circuit in Cherokee last year.

Yours Truly
A. J. Lakin

Kaison, claimed to be a Capt under Cap Savenport now living on the Coosa River in Cherokee Co. South Side of the River some 20 miles West of Rome Ga. It is believed no better than Kaison I have no account of his murdering any one.

A. J. L.

Rich Enitt Bro of a
man that Kaison murdered. { witness
and sampley. probably Saul
See EP 201

Washington D.C. Aug 27th 1867.

O. Neil, Jr.
To Genl J. B. Wallis

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 19th inst I have to state that I do not find the name of Patsy Simmons on my books nor do I find any papers in her care.

Very Respectfully &c
Dno. O. Neil
P. Miller

War Department P. B. & A. S.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington August 28th 1867.

Whittlesey Henry M.
To Bt Brig Genl J. B. Wallis.
Subst. Comd Nashville Ala.

Sir:

Your reply (with enclosure) to the remarks made by this Office on your property Account Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands for the month of July 1867 has been received, examined in this office, and referred to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for file with the account to which the Remarks relate.

Endorsed. Satisfactory & Remarks withdrawn

By Order of Maj Genl O. O. Howard.
Commissioner

Very Respectfully Your Oth Servant.
Henry M. Whittlesey
Adj Genl P. B. & A. S.

Sebaucan Ala. Aug 28th 67.

Malone S.N.

To Gen. J. B. Wallis

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you to get your advice in a matter to know whether or not it can be reached by the Military. In August 1864, Mr. M. Johnson and Wm Proctor of Jackson Co. taken from my stable 2 fine Horses in the night time. I have evidence sufficient to prove they got them but I have not been able to find the Horses and to take them up for stealing. The horses they would be turned loose by the Civil authorities from the fact the Gov. has pardoned all criminals by proclamation under the law passed giving him the power to pardon before conviction. And to sue them in the Civil Courts and get a Judgement for the Stock I would likely have the Cost to pay. But if I could take them up by the Military they would settle the matter. In Conclusion please give me your advice how to proceed and much oblige.

I refer you to Nick Davis, Dr. Bradley or Figueras Editor Advocate to know who I am. I am smashed up badly can scarcely live and there 2 men taken the last horse from me. I did not have one left to go to mill upon and if I could get them where the "hare" is short. "Maby" they would settle for the Stock they come & do so if they would.

See S. 2

Very Respectfully
G. H. Malone
Sebaucan Ala

Sebaucan Ala. Aug 26th 1867.

Sebaucan Ala.

To Gen. J. B. Wallis.

Dear Sir,

I have living with me an aged woman (Colona) whose children live in Virginia about the South Corner of Henry and Patrick Counties. She wishes to go to them. I am so broken up by the effects of the war that I cannot send her to them. She is not able to take care of herself and her children could. I have heard that the Freedmen's Bureau attends to such cases and I am referred to you by Gen. Valentine of Starkden. If you can give her transportation to Christiansburg Va. over the E.T. and Va. R.R. I think she could, with a little help from the agent of the County get to her children. As I am a stranger to you I refer you to Judge Marshall, Judge Smith or to any other person in this County. If it is in your power to do anything for her this woman I trust you do it. Her name is Patsy Nayer.

W.B. I expect to move to Illinois soon. This is the reason I am more anxious for her to get to her children.

Dear Truly yours
R. Sealer

New York City Ala. August 1st 1867

Dear Sir - The Board of Registration for Walker and Winston Cos. have come in contact with a secret society, one object of which is to prevent Freedmen from voting - John Bodley of Walker Co. has prevented George Burmann (Freedmen) and others of said Co. from Registering.

The account said that they had organized companies of watching Freedmen who Reg. and give such to day to leave or be put to death - of these facts the Board can produce ample testimony.

Very Respectfully
James Ellis
See S. Book 201.

Local Quartermaster Post of Huntsville
Huntsville Ala. Sept. 14th 1867

Callie Col. Brig Genl. John B.
Sub Adjt. Comd. A.R. & S.
North Dist. of Ala.
General.

Enclosed herewith please find
statement made by James Ellis, as to a secret society trying to
to prevent freedmen from voting in Walker and Winston Cos. Ala.

Please refer this matter to the Agents of the Freedmen's Bureau
in those Cos for investigation and report, in order that I may be able
to act in the case.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. Hayden
Lt. Col. 15th Regt. Ala. Inf. & Cavalry
Commanding.

War Department A.R. & S.
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington Aug. 29th 1867

Ballock Geo. H.
To Lt. Brig Genl. John B. Callie
Sub Adjt. Comd. A.R. & S.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
I herewith enclose to you
my check No 143. on First National Bank at Nashville
Tenn for Two Hundred Six & 53/100. (206⁵³/₁₀₀) Dollars to pay
bounty &c due Humphrey Simmons late Wagoner Co. 8th
U. S. C. & I.

Please have him sign Voucher, also enclosed, and
return them by mail to this office

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Geo. H. Ballock
Lt. Brig Genl. & C. D. O.

War Department A.R. & S.
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington D.C. Aug. 30th 1867.

Ballock Geo. H.
To Lt. Brig Genl. John B. Callie
Agt. A.R. & S. Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
I herewith transmit to you my
check No 151 on First National Bank at Nashville Tenn for
Two Hundred and Eighty nine & 2/100. (\$289²/₁₀₀) Dollars to pay
Bounty due Moses Cardon late Private Co. A. 42nd U. S. C. & I.
Please have him receipt the Voucher and return them by mail
to me. Discharge Certificate also enclosed.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. H. Ballock
Lt. Brig Genl. & C. D. O.

Montgomery Ala. Aug. 29th 1867
General:
Will you please have Major Jones add to the
Statement attached to the within Voucher, the number of
days and price per day for which board is charged and return
to me by first mail. I did not observe the omission until
today.

Truly Yours
Edwin Beecher

Office A.R. & S.
Florence Ala. Sept. 2nd 1867.

Tenney C. A.
To Genl. John B. Callie

General. I herewith enclose your report of
Corn issued during the month of August which I trust you will
find correct.

C. A. Tenney Agt. &c &c

Sebanon Ala.
August 27th 1864.

Hoge & Braudon
To Genl Jno B. Callis.
Comdg. Dist Nantenville Ala.

Dear Sir,

Turner Curley who was Private in 44 U. S. Col Inf Vol made his application to proper authorities at Washington and his application has been suspended for evidence concerning the charges of desertion. he is charged of desertion. the facts are these the Applicant was captured while in an actual engagement at Dalton Ga. as was nearly all the Regiment to which he belonged. and it is necessary that he present himself before a military tribunal for trial upon charges of desertion this he is ready to do and has wrote to you concerning this six weeks ago. he can prove that he was captured and carried both dead and sold. he desires an immediate trial. we would as attorneys of applicants suggest that he be tried before Captain M. M. Gilbreath Agent B. R. D. A. S. if he has jurisdiction of such cases hoping to receive instructions from you immediately we are

Yours (H. B. Braudon)

Your Obedt Servts
Hoge & Braudon.

Quartermaster General's Office.
Division of Clothing and Equipage
Washington City D.C. Aug 28th 1864.

Perry Alex J.
To Bt Brig Genl Jno B. Callis
Sub Asst Comd Nantenville Ala.

Sir,

Your Return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Lt Col 4th RR C and Lt Bt Brig Genl and Sub Asst Comd B. R. D. and Ch. Sands for the month of July 1864 has been received and examined at this Office and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
By Order of the Q. M. G.
Alex J. Perry
Bt Brig Genl or Mr. refa.

DeKalb County Ala. Aug 27. 1864.

Gilbreath M. M.
To Genl Jno B. Callis.
Nantenville Ala.

Sir,

I received yours of the 20th inst accompanied by my appointment as Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau and also General Orders No 49. which I will carry out to the best of my ability. If the oath required by Law must be taken please send me the blanks. I will send to your Office immediately all the books on hand.

Your Obedient Servant
M. M. Gilbreath

P.S. The Abstracts that should have accompanied the reports I did not make out, and as the reports is sent to you I am unable to send them correct. I understood you to say the Abstract should accompany the final issue. This is the case.

why I did not send them with reports. I will be at your
office in a few days.

M. M. Silbath

Chattanooga, Aug 19 1867.

Stanley J. R.
To General J. B. Callis.

General.

I have the honor to enclose
herewith copy of receipt which shows that Pleasant Rees
Mother of Hammond Rees made application at Huntsville
Ala through the "Bureau" for pay & bounty for service of her
said son. She lived here at the time her said son
died, and went there and made out the papers, and she
understood that the payment was to be made to her here.
She desires that her money, or any communication in
relation to her claim be sent to her here, at box 26
P.O. Chattanooga. I have no interest whatever in the
claim and write for the woman without charge. I
know nothing of her, but she seems to be a candid, right
minded woman and undoubtedly is the rightful holder
of the receipt.

Should any further testimony or other things wanted,
she will probably want me to do it for her, in which case
I shall of course expect a fee.

I have the pleasure to say to you General (to whom I am
slightly known) that the colored soldiers & their widows etc
are many of them buying for themselves homes and are
doing exceedingly well.

Very Truly Your Obedt Servant,
S. R. Stanley

Dec E. B.

Office Bureau A.D. & S.

District of Huntsville Ala. May 16 67.

This is to certify that I have this day made out and forwarded
to Washington the application of Pleasant Rees for pay
& bounty due her deceased son Hammond Rees
who was a private in Company "A" 44th Regt U.S.C.

and who died in Huntsville Ala. on the 24th day of March 1866. whilst
in the service of the Regt.

The Application above referred to constituted At Maj W. Fowler
A.D. & Bureau A.D. & S. at Washington the Attorney of the said
Pleasant Rees in the above case.

(Signed)

Jos. B. Callis
At. Col. U.S. & Supt.
Bureau A.D. & S. Dist No. Ala.

Huntsville Ala. Sept. 3 1867.

Burnett Harvey W.
To Gen. J. B. Callis
Sir.

In reply to several communications
which you have addressed to me both written and oral
requiring me to appear before you to answer a charge
of assault & Rob. I have to say that I respectfully decline
to do so upon the ground that you have no authority in
the premises - A prosecution as I am informed before
the Civil tribunals of this County has been commenced
against me on the same charge and this being a legal
proceeding I shall be compelled to answer it.

Very Respectfully,

Harvey W. Burnett.

Mr Springer the bearer hereof says Nick Davis wrote
and signed the within.

C.

Decatur Ala. Aug 30 1867

Hyde, W. H.
To Brig Gen. Jno B. Ballin.
Nimbleville Ala

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find my Report of issue for the month of August made out on blank form No 2 I have no blank forms No 4. to fill up will you please make out form No 4. for me and sign my name to it for me. and send me one for my protection. By reference to my reports you will see that I have issued 9436 lbs Corn for August ending the 20th to 25th persons leaving on hand, not issued, 60 sacks of Corn. If any defect in my paper please correct it and very much oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
W. H. Hyde. agt
Bureau A. S. & S. Nimbleville

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office Chief Q. M. A. S. & S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 30 1867

Whiting S. J.
To Brig Gen. Jno B. Ballin

Sir:

Your monthly Accounts Quarter master Store Q. M. Sept for the month of August 1867 have been received, examined and forwarded to Q. M. Gen. U. S. A. through the Commissioner Bureau A. S. & S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Gen. Wager Swaine
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
S. J. Whiting
2^d Lt. U. S. A. & S. Chief Q. M.
A. S. & S. State of Alabama

Remarks.

One more copy of the return without vouchers must be forwarded to this office without delay: for file.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office Chief Quartermaster A. S. & S.
Montgomery Ala. Aug 30 1867

Whiting S. J.
To Gen Jno B. Ballin
a. a. g. m. Nimbleville Ala.

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Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

S. J. Whiting
2^d Lt. U. S. A. & S. Chief Q. M.
A. S. & S. State of Ala

Remarks.

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Montgomery Ala. Sept 2 1867

Bucher Edwin
To Gen. Jno B. Callis.
Muntville Ala.

Genl. I enclose the following checks

overst. Treas N. York.

No 71 in favor of M S Rublee for \$259³⁰/₁₀₀

" 72 " " J. A. Donnelly & Co. 258⁶⁶/₁₀₀ \$517.95

The first is for payment of two vouchers amt of \$59⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for services as clerk and one for \$199⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for hauling corn &c. Two accounts are returned. The one of H. A. Barnes Agent of H & S Oil Co. I think we cannot pay. I was notified that that road was indebted to the Government and not to make any payment to them for services. They will receive the credit for it at Washington.

The one of Mr Sheats is probably right. Substantially it is never best however to make out accounts in the names of any of our agents for such services.

As far as practicable all accounts ought to be in the real name of the real parties who performed the services. Again: we desire, whenever it can be done, to keep the different accounts separate. We have an appropriation for transportation another for labor &c. I am compelled to report how much is paid on each account and when transportation and labor wages are included in the same account it is impracticable to make the separation.

I also return your estimate for September on page of Sec 16 Bureau Manual you have the subjects for which you should estimate. The amount for each one must be distinct. If you include Salaries for Clerks & Fuel together. I cannot in making my estimate, tell how much is required for the different purposes and consequently that amount must be omitted.

Telegraphing & Postage should be included under one head and nothing else. Blacksmithing, if for shoeing horses and mending wagons is called transportation.

Oil should be included in "Quarters and fuel". I make these suggestions now that hereafter there may be no trouble about it. Genl. Swayne's absence has prevented earlier attention to these matters. Your other accounts will be adjusted soon.

Truly Yours

Edwin Bucher

Bureau of Post & Office Dis. Officer
State of Missouri St Louis

Aug 23 1867

Serley J. A.

To Maj Gen O. O. Howard.

General:

Sarah Rop (Colored) living on 12 St this city bet Morgan and Franklin Avenue. States that she had a child Edella Rop aged about 7 years, who was taken from her about three years ago by James McKenna to Athens Ala. The child is now supposed to be with Chas A Bickert formerly Provost Marshall at Athens but now at Valthersman Spring Morgan Co Ala. McK is said to have changed her name to Ada McKenna.

Her mother can take care of her. She has her two other children one old enough to provide for herself. She desires that if possible her child may be returned to her and any information that can be furnished.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

J. A. Serley

S. O. Mo.

Burnett N. H.
To Genl Jno B. Callis.

Sir.

The two boys - Allen Springer
& Manuel Troup was placed under my care. one by
Mr Springer the other by his Father & no Troup
with instructions to correct them where in my
judgement it was necessary. but not to abuse. I
whipped both of the boys this morning for disobedience
of orders. I did not go farther than my orders
I have good reason for believing that the report on in
this case is interested so far to try and get these boys
labor as one of them (supposed to be Jim) came to
my field this morning and advised the boy aller
not to put up with mr Burnett's treatment and
advised him to leave which he has since done.
This is a true statement of the matter.

Respectfully Yours
N. H. Burnett.

Head Qr Sub Dist of Alabama.
Office Chief Quarter master B. S. S.
Montgomery Ala. Sept 3 1867.

Whiting E. J.
To Genl Jno B. Callis

Sir.

Your monthly accounts & stores
pertaining to Bureau for the month of August 1867
have been received, examined and forwarded to Comm
issioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Maj Gen Hager Swaine
Act Commisioner

Very Respectfully Your obdt Servant
E. J. Whiting

2 Lt 40 & 5 Inf & Chief Q. M.
B. S. S. & A. L. State of Ala.

Savannah Ala. Sept 4 1867.

Green J. W.

To Genl Jno B. Callis.

Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir.

J. M. Deane refuses to pay
the note given at Pulaski Tenn to J. A. Jackson agent
B. S. S. & A. L. for the benefit of William Mitchell (Colo)
upon the grounds that he is not indebted to the money
Deane alleges that he received the money from a colored
woman formerly belonging to him and that the woman
once had the man William for a husband but that
he had years previously abandoned her & left the
State & that she never had any children by the
man William Mitchell, but that she had a daughter
previous to having William for a husband & that that
daughter is living in Mississippi & is the only child of
hers living & that while the woman was on her death bed
she requested him in presence of witnesses to give the money
to her daughter which he says he thinks is the proper
person to have it. I will send bal of report in day
or so. also list of Justices of Peace as soon as I get
them from Probate Judges

Very Respectfully &c
J. W. Green. agt c

Gadsden Ala. Aug 24th 1864

Tumentine D.C.

To Genl Jno B. Callis.

Genl.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three hundred sacks of Corn by Steamer W. India with the information that there is two hundred and forty five sacks retained in Rome for freight. I give you extract of a letter of J. M. Elliott & Co. Rome Ga.

"We have 4 car loads of Corn addressed to you Government vouchers followed it as far as Kingston, from there Rome Rail Road charges are \$70⁰⁰ Steam Boat Charges to Gadsden \$124⁰⁰ Total \$217⁰⁰ and if it remains here there will be storage"

I have no means of raising the money to pay the freight will you advise me what course to take The 300 sks that was delivered to me at this place I had no notice of it being at Rome until I received here. it is now being distributed in fact it will soon be in the hands of those it was intended for

I have the honor to be Genl

Your Obedient Servant.

D. C. Tumentine

Janesville Wis Aug 29th 1864

Kluse A.D.

To Mrs Anna M. Fletcher.

Madam

I wish to enquire whether or not you have remained since the death of Jackson Fletcher and prior to July 28th 66. if not you will please send me an affidavit from two disinterested persons that you were not married prior to July 28th 1866. and are not married yet. If you have married since July 28th 1866. send me the Affidavit but leave out that you are married. If married prior to July 28th 66. you need not furnish an affidavit but send me your present name. attend to this at once, as it is required in your Bounty & Claim.

Respectfully

A. F. Kluse

Janesville Wis

War Department Bureau of P. & A. S.
Washington D.C. Aug 28th 1864

Circular Letter

The following information having been called for by the Secretary of War for insertion in his "Bimial Register" Assistant Commissioners of this Bureau are directed to forward to this Office during the month of September a list of the Civilian Employees in their respective districts under the following heads, Agents, Clerks, Messengers and Laborers, giving the name the State where born, from what State employed and the amount of annual Compensation.

A Blank form is herewith enclosed, and it is desired that these lists should be made on forms precisely similar

By Order of Maj Gen W. A. Howard Comd.
Signed A. P. Ketchum
Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.
A. A. A. Genl

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama.
Bureau U.S. and A. S.

Montgomery Ala. Sept 3 1867.

The Asst. Commissioner directs that the within report be made immediately in order that the Consolidation may be forwarded at an early date, Such Civilian only as were on duty on the 1st Sept inst will be reported and the heading of the report must show this fact. The full name of each person must be given in full. Referring to the Column "Where appointed" it is understood that the term, "State in which they resided" means the State in which they actually were at date of Appointment.

A Separate report in same form and to accompany this report will be made of the Civilian Employees of the Hospital in your Sub-Dist. The names of the persons employed temporarily will be marked with a *

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
O. D. Kieuman
Sub Asst. Comr.

to the Asst. Commissioner
Bureau U.S. and A. S.
Montgomery Ala.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama.
Office Chief Q. M. BARRAS, State of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Sept 5 1867.

Whiting E. J.
To St Brig Gen J. B. Harris.
A. A. G. M. Huntsville Ala.

General.

You are requested to forward the quarterly Statements A. B. and C. to this office promptly at the end of this month, as it is desirable that these Statements be Consolidated and forwarded to the Department at Washington with the least practicable delay.

By Order of St Maj Gen. Hager. Swayre.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

E. J. Whiting
Lieutenant & Chief Q. M. Barras
State of Alabama.

War Department B. A. S. & A. S.
Office Chief Q. M. Barras, Washington D. C.
Sept 4 1867.

Whittlesey H. M.
To St Brig Gen J. B. Harris.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:-

Your monthly account Quantification of Stores and Clothing & Camp and Garrison Equipage A. M. Department for the month of August 1867 have been received, examined and forwarded to St Maj Gen. N. C. Meigs Quartermaster General U. S. Army.

By Order of Maj Gen. A. C. Howard Commissioner
Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chief Quartermaster B. A. S. & A. S.

War Department. R.F. & A.S.
Office Chief Districting Officer
Washington D.C. Sept 6th 1867

Ballock Geo. W.
To St Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
Nimbleville Alabama.

Enclosed I send you my
check no 167 on First National Bank at Nashville
Tenn. for \$206⁷⁵ to pay County due Benj Hammond
late Com Sergeant 17th U.S.C.D.
Please get the voucher signed and return to me as soon
as convenient.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. W. Ballock.
St Brig Gen schf W.

Office Post Quartermaster.
Rome Ga. August 28th 1867.

Campbell S.E.
To Major C.P. Watson.
Chf. Gp. Mr. Bureau R.F. & A.S.
State of Georgia.

Major: on the 1st of August 1867
there were 536 Sacks of Corn or 1176 Bushels shipped over
the Rome R.R. for which they have secured no Bill of Lading
This corn was consigned to D.C. Timmentine at Gadsden Ala.
on the Coosa River Capt Elliott of the Steam Boat Co.
on the Coosa River also makes the same complaint.
It is impossible for me to issue Bills of Lading for said
stow and therefore I respectfully refer the matter to you
and hope that you will have the necessary bills of
Lading issued as the transporting Companies retain 235
Sacks of the Corn to secure themselves for transportation.

Dec. D.B. 204 & 205

I am Major Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S.E. Campbell
2nd Lt 33rd Inf Regt M.

Head Quarter Dist of Alabama
Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. Sept 4th 1867

Kineman O.A.
To St Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
Subst. Commissioner
Nimbleville Ala.

General.

The asst. Commissioner directs
me to say that your action in the case of Probate of a will
will before Hon Jno B. Mc Clellan Probate Judge of Limestone
Co. is not approved and that hereafter you will abstain from such
interference with civil affairs.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
O.D. Kineman
Subst. Com.

Montgomery Ala. Sept. 6th 1867.

Beecher Edwin.
To Gen J.B. Callis
Nimbleville Ala.

General.

Enclose check no 80 on New
York for \$1023⁷⁵ in payment of the following vouchers for
August 1867.

Account Current Except voucher of Joe Binford and your
Telegraph account \$1021⁵⁰

D^r Fitch Postage account 1⁵⁰ 1023⁷⁵
The voucher of Joseph Binford and Pryor Turner are returned
for correction. The amount exempt from taxation since
March 1st is \$320 per day when the labor is by the day as Pryor
Turner worked three hands and a team I do not think
his account should be taxed.

The manner of stating the tax, if it were taxable, is
incorrect. It should not be "Tax on \$44" but on the
actual amount on which tax is charged.

I send check on New York, as most of our funds for this month are there and supposing you can't dispose of it on as good or better terms than I can. Will send other money tomorrow. Please advise me of receipt of this.

Truly Yours
Edw. Beecher

Ash Grove, Ala. Sept 2 1867.

Springfield N. J.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis.

Sir:

I write to you for information in the murder of Jno Bell of Blount County Ala. who was murdered by L. P. Griffith of Cherokee Co Ala. Griffith was a U. S. Scout under my Command employed by Gen Gauger. Said Bell was captured by this Rebel raider and afterwards was murdered by hanging and left in the woods about one mile & half from this place about 20th day of February 1866. These men are still at home & can be found any time, when you think best have them brought to justice. I deem it my duty to inform you of such brutal murder, and ask your early attention to this matter. The names of the witnesses I will give E. H. Baister, A. J. Adams both in Talladega Co any assistance that I can do for this matter will promptly be given.

See E. B. 700.

Yours &c
N. J. Springfield.

Stonewall Ala Sept 7 1867.

Norn Andrew.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis

Sir.

Yours of 22nd August is at hand and contents considered. Some time during the winter of 63 or 64 I purchased of Mr Ridley of Smith County (near Franklin) Georgia a mulatto girl about 14 years of age at that time named Francis as to her other name I know nothing, that is I know nothing of the name Samar as expressed in your communication. I was then staying on Coosa River in Cherokee County Ala. and left said girl with James M^r Gee in Company with a colored man. I had and made arrangements with said M^r Gee to take her to Rome Ga. with a lot of Black he had ^{when} formerly owned, who desired to go to that place. I understood however she afterwards changed her notion and went to the State of Texas in Company with some families removing to that Country. I have further heard that she left those with whom she travelled and I do not know her whereabouts. M^r Gee resides near Cuthbert Cherokee County Ala. and may possibly be able to ascertain where she is.

Yours Truly,

Andrew Horn.

Eagle Jane.

To Gen Jno B. Wallis.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind to a U. S. Soldier's widow as to drop me a few lines as soon as you know that Gen F. L. Baister returns from Washington as I am informed that you will know as Gauger has my claim and I wish to know when he comes. if he has come write to me as soon as you receive this note. Direct to New Market Ala - "Maiden" County.

Mary Jane Cagle.

Office Board of Registrars
County Miss Sept 8th 1867

Webster Joshua
To Gen. Noble Allen

Sir

A few weeks since I as agent of Mr. Mitchell, Juror of this City placed in the hands of J. A. Green Esq. of Tusculum Ala. agent of Mr. Mitchell all that place papers and note of \$326⁰⁰ in case of Mr. Mitchell v. S. M. Deaver, now a Cropper near Tusculum. I wish to particularly call your attention to the Case, and to the fact that said Deaver has once broken his honor and pledge in the Case, and also that he is only a cropper. And has nothing to keep him from selling out his crop and leaving the County again. Enclosed I send you Mr. Green's letter by which you will see that he refused to pay the same unless compelled to do so by the Court. Now I make the bold assertion (and that from personal experience) that Mitchell cannot get any justice in the Court there. I do not see the propriety of a man refusing to pay an obligation when he has acknowledged its value received. Mr. Mitchell is one of our best and most substantial free men and asked for nothing but what is just. I have always during the past two years done all his business for him and hope that you will not allow his case to go to the Courts.

See E. B. 22

I am Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Joshua Webster
Member Board of Registrars
County Miss

Tusculum Ala. Sept 11th 1867

Green J. A.
To J. Webster Esq.
County Miss

Dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday received and contents noted. I only have to say that I have seen J. M. Deaver, who who says that he never will pay the debt unless a jury say that he shall. He alleges that the money never was William Mitchell's. Says that he got the money from a colored woman who had at one time the said said William for a husband, but that he William had abandoned her previous to that on her death-bed. She requested him Deaver in the presence of witnesses to pay the money to her daughter and states that he is willing to pay the money in the way requested by the woman but not to Mitchell unless forced to do so. I saw Gen. Allen on the subject and expect to hear from him in a few days when I will write to you again. Our Circuit Court commences Monday in Sept. inst.

Yours Respectfully,
J. A. Green.

DeKalb County Ala.
Sept 6th 1864.

Allen, J. M.
To Gen Jno B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

I take the present method of informing you in regard to a mule in regard to which I purchased from U. S. Scouts in August 1864 of whose property I bought for my own special use and afterwards the mule was taken from me by the Rebels while I was a Soldier in the United States Service and the Rebels kept the mule out of my knowledge until a few days ago. I found my mule in the possession of a noted Rebel by the name of Jesse Edwards one who refuged from Jackson County Ala South of Coosa River all while the War and the U. S. Independent Scout Captured the mule from said Edwards while he was a refuged South of Coosa River in 1864 & he yet claims the mule on account of his being the former owner of the mule before the capture of his forces and he is yet in possession of the mule as by the Civil Code of Law & J. M. Allen is the former and only legal owner of the mule since the capture by U. S. & all property that was captured at that time from Rebel refuges by U. S. forces gave them a legal title to the same. So now I only apply to you asking your advice of how to manage to get in possession of my mule I can make any proof wish to anything in regard to the above by the most prominent Union men and discharged Soldiers in my portion of Country. So hoping to receive an answer from you soon I am your truly,
I will send you some proof of my Service in 1864 from Brig Gen R. S. Granger while I was situated at Sackville Ala

J. M. Allen.

See E. D. 200.

U. S. Military Telegraph
Sackville 26th 64.

Telegraph J. M. Allen.

The families of your men will be forwarded to Stevenson when we arrive there. It is not intended to go up the road beyond Sackville the force there will be very much increased.

R. S. Granger
Brig Gen

Gewen, C. L.

To Gen Jno B. Callis.

Dear Sir

I have had my Corn sacks packed and labelled for some time but have not as yet been able to get a wagon to haul them to Hillsboro. I have the promise of one to take them down on Monday next. There is 19 packages 20 sacks in a package, making 380 sacks. They will be on there in the next week.

You said something to me when I was up there last about having sent me some money to pay transportation on justise supplies. I have not recd any money nor heard any thing about it since I saw you.

Yours
C. L. Gewen.

Montgomery Ala Sept 6th 1864.

Quaker Edwin

To Gen Jno B. Callis.

General.

I enclose \$218⁰⁰ in payment of your account for August.

Respectfully
Edwin Quaker

Rosdall Bolivar Co. Miss
August 21st 1867.

Webster J. R.
To Col. J. A. Ballis.

Col.

James Preston a freedman in
my employ formerly member C & 44. reg. has received
your reply to his former date. Stating that a return
to his application for bounty is soon expected.
Your reply was dated some time ago and he requests
that you will inform him immediately upon its return.

Respectfully Yours

J. R. Webster

State St. Col. 44th W. S. C.

Regt. Bolivar Co. Miss.

War. Department RR & A. S.
Claim Division Washington D. C.
Sept 2nd 1867.

Fowler Wm.

To St. Brig. Gen. Jno B. Ballis.

D. A. Co. Huntsville Ala.

General.

General O. O. Howard Commissioner to acknowledge the
receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty
in the case of the following named discharged soldiers
Gregory Griffin C & 44 Regt W. S. C.

Very Respectfully &c

Wm. Fowler

a. a. Gen.

Mayville Sept 8th 1867.

Jordan M.

To Gen. J. B. Ballis.

Sir:-

I have had a settlement with Lethey Edwards
and satisfied her fully. Enclosed you will find her note
to you to that effect.

Respectfully Yours.

M. Jordan

I omitted to inform you of a tract of land which has
been abandoned some three years by the owner the land
was entered and improved by one Thomas St. Albott
the number I could not obtain though you can. by
applying to the land office the land "lys." on the eastern
boundary line of this County about six miles north
East from Mayville

M. Jordan

Mayville Sept 8th 1867.

Gen. J. B. Ballis.

Mr. Jordan has settled with me in full
and I have no further claim against him.

Respectfully Yours

Leathyth Edwards
man

attest J. Godhelp.

Guntersville Ala. Sept 7 1867

Pointer Wm P.
To Gen Jno B. Callis.

I send you the testimony in a case wherein Anna Mathews is Plaintiff and William Cox is deft all of Marshal County State of Ala. The circumstances are these Wm Cox was summoned to appear before me on 14th of Sept. He appeared and got the trial put off. untill next day at 10 O'clock A.M. He failed to appear with his witnesses. I proceed to examine the witness on the part of the Pltff Copy of which I enclose you I gave the pltff Anna Mathews a prewoman's writ order to Cox for her Hog. She reports back that Cox would not give up the Hog. I now desire further instruction. I have not returned a copy of the testimony in the case and if necessary I should have it please send it back to me.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. F. Pointer atco.

Anna Mathews
vs.
Wm Cox.

Charge. Wm Cox has Anna Mathews with having her hog in his pen.
Witness for Pltff. Dimond Moore Jackson Mathews Jane Mathews. Manah Henry William Henry.

Testimony of Jackson Mathews:

I marked pigs for Anna Mathews and left two for Mr Brown. unmarked. afterwards saw one of the unmarked pigs in Mr Cox's pen which had been marked in Cox's mark. I saw the pig in Cox's pen shortly after Anna missed her pig and knew it to be the same pig.

Test P. Todd.

Testimony of Dimond Moore:

Some time in March I was at Mr Cox's and saw Anna Mathews pig

there knew it to be her pig as her pigs and mine stand together and was going to take it to her. and Mrs Cox told me not to do so as it was her pig. Yesterday morning 14th Sept I saw the same pig in Mr Cox's pen.

Diamond ^{his} Moore
mark

Testimony of Mary Jane Mathews:

I know the pig well that is in dispute I have one of the same size from the same sow I saw Mrs Cox the sow of Wm Cox. when he caught the pig and put it in his father's pen. told him at the time it was Anna's pig the boy said it was not I told Mr Cox that it was Anna's pig Mr Cox said if Bill comes after it he would knock his brains out.

Mary Jane ^{her} Mathews
mark

Testimony of Maniah Henry.

I know the pig in dispute & know it to be Anna's pig. as I had been in the habit feeding the pigs I saw the same pig in Mr Cox's pen 10 or 12 days ago. I am positive it is Anna's pig.

Maniah ^{his} Henry
mark

Testimony of William Henry.

I know the pig in dispute and know it to be Anna's. had been in the habit of feeding the pigs shortly after it was missing I saw it in Mr Cox's pen and in Cox's mark afterwards the pig was turned out on account of back water. I caught the pig and changed the mark unto Anna's mark about three weeks ago I saw the pig in Mr Cox's pen. I never went after the pig. hearing that Mr Cox was going to knock out my brains if I done so.

Wm ^{his} Henry
mark

I had the foregoing depositions taken in my presence.
Sept 5th 1867.

W. F. Pointer

at BR 500

Office of Bureau. P.D. & A.S.
Houston Ala. Sept 1st 1867.

Hyde W. H.
To St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis
Sub Asst Com.
Nantsville Ala.

Sir:

Your order of Sept 1st 67
is to hand and contents noted and have today in reply
that I have notified the Board of Registration for
Houston & Walker Counties to come before me with-
out any unnecessary delay with such evidence as they
may be able to produce as to the guilt of John Gidney
charged of having prevented George Buinau (Col.) from
Registering and charged of having been concerned
in a secret combination to prevent colored men from
Registering and Voting. I think I will be able to
complete the investigation and report at an early time
the result of my labor I will write you again soon
Very Respectfully &c
W. H. Hyde. agt &c.

Bureau of Refugees and A Lands
Office Sub Asst Com Sub Dist of Atlanta
Atlanta Ga. Sept 5th 1867.

Moseback Fred.
To St. Brig Gen C. C. Sibley rfa.
Asst Com State of Georgia.
Atlanta Ga.

General:-

Sarah Samar Juduoman
States that her daughter Francis now fourteen years
of age, was sold from her ten years ago. Francis is
now living with Andrew Korn at Jackson Ala. about ten
(10) miles from Bridgeport Ala. Last year Mrs Samar
went for her daughter to Heard County Ga. but upon hearing
of her Mr. Ford sent Francis into Tennessee and from
there to Jackson Ala.

Sarah Samar prays that her daughter be restored to
her.

cc. E. B. 207.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Fred Moseback.
At my up. rfa. C

Wiles Sept 3rd 1867.

McWilliams Ashberry.
To Agent Freedman's Bureau
Alabama.

Sir:-

I am informed that by
a late order a freedman can have his relatives sent to
him. I have a daughter living nine miles north west of
Athens Ala. on Elk River. The name of the person she
resided with was Betsey Corpeau when I heard from
her last fall. I learned she was there and in District
Circumstances and I am abundantly able to take care
of her. if it is practicable for her to be sent home.
Will you please inform me by letter what can be done.

in this matter and oblige.
See C.D. 207.

Very Truly Yours
Ashbury M. Williams
Hills Michigan

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D.C. Aug 29th 1867.

Thomas Chas.
To Bst Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis
Nuntnville Alabama.

Sir.

Your return of Grover Store
as Sub-Asst Comd B.R.D. & A.S. at Nuntnville Ala. for the
month of July 1867 has been received through B.R.D. & A.S.
and when examined will be sent to the Third Auditor
of the Treasury for Settlement of which will be duly notified.

By Order of the Asst. General

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Chas Thomas
A. g. m. Genl
Bt Maj Gen Ufa.

Nashville Tenn
Sept 9th 1867.

Ingersoll W. H.
To Gordon Baker Col^d

Sir.

Your claim for bounty has
been settled. it will be paid you through the Bureau.
You will have to come up here or go to the Bureau agent
at Nuntnville and have him communicate with Gen Carson.

Yours &c
W. H. Ingersoll.

I think he lives near Mooreville.

W. H. I.

Head. Quarter Dist of Ala
Bureau B.R.D. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala Sept 11th 67.

Kinman O. S.
To Bst Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis
Sub-Asst. Commissioner
Nuntnville Ala.

General.

Yours of the 4th inst enclosing
Special report of Civilian as called for in communication
from this office of the 5th inst is received. Without full information
the report cannot be made up here and you will therefore for-
ward at the earliest possible moment the data in regard to
birth place omitted by you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
O. S. Kinman
Sub-Asst. Comd.

War. Department B.R.D. & A.S.
Office Chief Quartermaster.
Washington Sept 11th 1867.

Whittlesey H. M.
To Bst Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis
S. A. C. Nuntnville Ala.

Sir.

Your Property account "Stores
pertaining to the Bureau Refugees Freedmen and abandoned
Lands for the month August 1867 has been received, exam-
ined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury
for final Examination and Settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. C. Howard.
Commissioner

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Quartermaster B.R.D.

Head. Quarters Dept of Alabama
Office: Chf. of M. P. & S. State of Ala
Montgomery Ala. Sept 13th 1867

Whiting L. J.
To Bt Brig Genl Jno B. Callis
Sub Sect Court Huntsville Ala.

General.

You will,
at once turn in to the nearest officer of the Quarter
Masters Dept U. S. A. the following articles of Quarter
Masters Stores which you have on hand and which
you report as being no longer required for the use
of the Bureau. to wit:

- (1) one Horse brush
- (2) two Riding Bridles
- (2) two Saddle Blankets
- (1) one Curry Comb
- (4) four Halter Chains
- (2) S. Sets Wheel mule Harness
- (2) " " Lead " "
- (1) one Pair lead Lines
- (4) four neck Straps
- (1) one Waggon Saddle
- (2) two Ropes
- (1) one Waggon Whip

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

By Command of
Major General Hager Swain

L. J. Whiting

St 45th U. S. Inf
Chf of Mr.

War Department Bureau of P. & S.
Claims Division Washington D. C.
Sept 12th 1867

Now A. P. At Maj Gen W. S. A.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
S. A. Huntsville Ala

General.

I have to respectfully to Enclose
herewith form (No 3) of affidavit required by the 25 Auditor of
the Treasury before the additional bounty Act July 28. 1866.
will be paid to Rhoda, widow of Richmond alias Dick
Toney Prt Co No 17th U. S. Inf. who died in May or June
1864.

With this affidavit please return this letter.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

A. P. Now.

Bt Maj Gen. W. S. A.

Office P. & S.

Florence Ala Sept 16th 1867

George L. A.

To Gen Jno B. Callis

Sir

In reply to your worthy letter of 14th
inst. I have the honor to state that I was born at Hildesheim
in the former Kingdom of Hanover now a province of
Prussia in Germany & lived in the United States since
the last 36 years

This morning Mr Perryman & his son came before the Sheriff
of this County & to me for protection they state that they have
reliable information of 60 or more Guerrillas threatening to
take revenge on them & the Sheriff for the affidavit the
former gave before Lieutenant Schall & the arrest the
latter made. The Sheriff states also that he received
word this morning; Cooper. the man escaped on an
attempt to arrest him. expressed himself he would kill the

on first sight. Last night a fine horse was stolen out of the stable of Mr Perryman he is a good Union man and reliable for his statements. In consideration of these stated facts, Mr Perryman, son & his Union neighbors request you most respectfully to do the necessary steps to get them protection if possible a squad of Cavalry since their lives & property are in the greatest danger I join my request with them those named Union Citizens and remain

Your Obedient Servant
C. A. Tenge.

Head. Qrs. Post of Huntsville
Huntsville Ala. Sept 2nd

Nayden J.

St Col 15th Inf Bt Brig Gen U.S.A.

To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis

S. A. C. Dist Nor Ala.

General.

Enclosed herewith I transmit a report made by M. M. Col. of Pikeville Ala as to acts performed by him during the war under orders from the Military Commanders, and for which acts he is now being prosecuted, before the civil Courts of the State. Please refer the matter to the agents of the Bureau at Pikeville or in the vicinity for investigation and report as the scarcity of Officers at this Post prevents me from sending me to investigate the case.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed. Servant

J. Hayden

St Col 15th Infy &

Bt Brig Gen U.S.A.

SEE E.B. 217

Florence Ala. Sept 10th 1864

Rice N. H.

To Genl. Swayne.

Sir,

I am requested to write you in behalf of an unfortunate woman. I suppose many of the complaints you receive are from persons of this kind. The Military authorities of Huntsville also send down here a few days back and took from a Mr Turner two mules. One of these mules were given to Mr Turner by Genl. Beach's Command - at the same time they took from Mr Turner a good horse - the mule was broken down. The other mule was found by Mr Turner in the River bottom in a mudd hole nearly dead he fed the mule and finally got it up and took it to his house and kept it. Supposed the mule was left to die by Wood Army after the surrender our town was garrisoned by a small lot of troops commanded by Col Buck U.S.A. Col Buck hearing of these two mules had them brought into him all the facts of ownership was then fully investigated & Col Buck after hearing all the facts about these two mules decided that Mr Turner should keep them & that they were his property - this was in the summer of 1864 - Mr Turner died last winter - Mrs Turner has five small children and four grand children without Father or Mother all of whom she has to support. I will also state that these mules were the main stay of Mr Turner for a support and to gather her small crop - she had succeeded in making. What influence was used and why these mules were taken when they were now her understanding. What I have written are facts. There is more in this matter than you will see from this letter. Gov Patton can tell you the balance. Say nothing until the Gov returns.

SEE E.B. 217.

Respy - N. H. Rice.

Blountville Ala. Sept 18 67

Shapard, Wm
To Genl Callis

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to urge it on the military authorities to proceed forthwith, and put every man out of office who was put there by Rebel power! I know that some men are in office who claim to be Union men but from my experience and observation I cannot receive them as true Union men, and they only occupy a position that will enable the Rebels to carry out artificially such villainy as they would not attempt openly. I discover Judge Aaron wants me to notice him but the game is too small. No patriot will put himself on a level with perjured traitors. Our prospects are flattering. My health has been very bad for last two months but I am in hopes of improvement.

I have worked faithfully for the Union Cause and aided to the best of my ability in overthrowing them. Now ask Gen Swayne to please help me bury them quietly. Had Stevens Confiscation ~~been~~ falls on East of our people like a shower on thirsty land. Tell the Committee to send me more at Blountville. I have a private organization that meets all such cases and I wish to penetrate every hole & corner of the County.

Very Respectfully
William Shapard

Moulton Ala. Sept 18 1867

Gwin C. C.
To Genl. J. B. Callis

Dear Sir

I on yesterday sent to Hillsboro 380 Corn sacks 19 Packages 20 sacks in a package directed to you with order to the R^r Agents to ship them to Huntsville immediately.

Respectfully Yours &c
C. C. Gwin
agt &c

Decatur Ala. Sept 19 1867

Thompson Wm
To Genl Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir

I was a private in Co K 12th Regt Tenn Col Infantry. I am informed that our bounty &c is at Huntsville and subject to your control.

Will you please to send me the amt placed to my credit to W. B. Baker of this town per Express & I will arrange receipt as directed by you. Is it necessary that I should go up to Huntsville.

S. C. 2-4.

Yours Truly
Wm Thompson
Co K 12th Tenn Col Infy

Montgomery A. B.
To Gen J. B. Hallis
Huntsville Ala.

Gadsden Ala. Aug 28 '67

Gen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst enclosing also my appointment as agent requiring me to take the oath required by Law. I regret Gen that I can not take the oath notwithstanding I was from the commencement of the difficulties a union man and done all in my power to prevent the State from taking the course she did and was hired at in meetings where I dared to give my opinion and was threatened to be hung. When the State seceded my children had to go or be conscripted. I did furnish them horses rather than see them go on foot and I also aided them who was opposed to going into the army means to hire a substitute and afterwards they were about to force him to go also. I aided two of them to go through the liver and they went to New York and remained untill after the surrender of Gen Lee and returned home and are here now. I acted as Justice of the Peace for fifteen years before the war and then having taken the part I did I am disfranchised and this puts me in a condition that I can not take the oath. I do Gen think that it is pretty hard on me I have worked for eighteen or twenty months for the Government and paid my own expenses for nothing. I have no complaint to make of you Gen for I assure you Gen I shall ever cherish the kindest regards feelings towards you and shall never forget the warm and cordial reception I received from you. I assure you, that you have ever acted the part of a high toned Gentleman, and our business

transactions have been pleasant. I am willing to take any oath looking to the future, but cannot take the oath required. I wish I could for I need the money to enable me to live and educate my children. I have stated facts Gen, and now if our business relations must cease, I shall forever hold in grateful remembrance the truth that they have been pleased on my part. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be Gen
Your obedient servant
S. L. Turentine.

Jussumbia Ala. Sept 19 1867

Green J. B.

To Gen J. B. Hallis

Gen

Enclosed find list of Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Marion Franklin and Colbert. Also yours of the 18th inst recd this morning asking me to investigate certain matters in Marion County. I suppose that it will be necessary for me to repair to Marion to make the investigation. Our Circuit Court comes off for Colbert Co next week & is important that I be present during Court week & immediately thereafter I will proceed with the examination. will mail balance of reports for rations on tomorrow.

Respectfully
J. H. Green

Blount County Ala.
Sept 4th 1867.

Garrison H. L.
To Gen J. B. Callis

Sir:

with this you will find my reports for the month of August. I have found all the books I had at my house to Decatur and have ordered the subjects to return what they have at once. I will soon have them all to place. I shall now be able to give the business my personal attention and will keep things at least in some shape. I also received my Commission as agent which you so kindly sent me.

Very Respectfully & Sincerely
H. L. Garrison agt.

Office O. R. T. & A. S.
Athens Ala. Sept 18th 67

Sanforth J.
To Gen J. B. Callis

Sir:

Yours of 14th inst. is just to hand and I hasten to reply. I was born in Madison County State of Ala. Our parents came from the City of Boston Mass. before my birth and settled in that County and I have lived in that County & this ever since.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
J. Sanforth

Probate Court office
Sept 21st 1867.

Scruggs Jas N.
To Gen J. B. Callis

Dear Sir

I have the honor of receiving your communication of this date proposing to turn over to the authorities of this (Madison County) the patient in the Hospital of the United States situated in the City of Huntsville upon certain conditions.

I will at my earliest convenience lay before the Commissioners Court of this County your proposition and urge its acceptance provided the County has the ability to do so. There will be a session of this Court on Monday the 28th day of Sept. 1867 at which time they will give you a final answer to your proposition.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Jasper N. Scruggs
Probate Judge.

Decatur Ala Sept 20th 1867.

Marely Coleman
To Gen Callis

Sir:

I handed and took receipt for the same on the 4th day of June 1866. my discharge to A. Morley Patterson agt. Freedmen's Bureau for collection of back dues. Mr. Sheats tells me that the papers are in your office. Will you be so kind as to let me know if such is the case and if it has been collected. I will be under obligation for the trouble.

Sir S. J. 149.6.

I am Respdy Your obt Servant
Coleman Marely
Per Co. K. 111 U. S. C. Drifty.

Head Quarters Dist of Ala.
Bureau R. I and A. Lands
Montgomery Ala. Sept 16th 1864

Swayne Maj Gen Wager
No 1st Brig Gen Jno O'Callin
Sub Asst Commissioner
Nuntsville Alabama

General.

The maturing crop and September collection of taxes having put the several Counties of this State in funds, and the advancing status of the freedmen having generally inspired the County Commissioners with some appreciation of his rights, it seems feasible at this time to induce them to assume the charge and maintenance of the various hospitals and Colonies heretofore supported by the Bureau. To this end I wish you to put yourself immediately in communication with the authorities of Madison County touching the persons now cared for at Nuntsville by the Bureau. You will represent to them the probability that the day of the Compulsory closing of your institution is not distant, and that these persons will not be permitted to be left uncared for, and as an inducement to immediate action, you are authorized to tender in that case a transfer without charge of the existing institution (all our right with) as it stands with all of its supplies, and a continuance of rations for its inmates until November first.

It is desirable that your report reach this Office not later than the 1st prox, and that the transfer be effected before the 15th of October.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

Wager Swayne
Bt Major General and
Asst Commissioner

To Jno W. Green Esq Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for the County of Colbert State of Alabama

The undersigned Mary Felton, a freedwoman would most respectfully state that she is now about thirty years old, that she is a resident of said Colbert County that she was brought to the State of Alabama from Raleigh North Carolina in the year 1844 by her former mistress Elizabeth Felton and has resided with her in this County until within a short time past. She would further state that she has three children Zule aged ten years Willie aged six years and Mary aged four years and that she has no husband living. That all of her relations live in or near Raleigh North Carolina and promise to help her if she will go to them. She would further represent that her said former mistress Elizabeth Felton would willingly furnish the necessary means to take her to North Carolina but she is in destitute circumstances unable to do so and as she has no means and cannot save any having to use all the wages of her labor to support her family she most respectfully asks that you would furnish her transportation for herself & children to Raleigh N. C.

Durham Ala
Sept 20 1864

Mary Felton

Scottsboro. Ala.
Sept 22nd 1867.

Whitney L. O.
To. Gen Jno B Callis
Genl.

Enclosed I send you Gilbreath
(DeKalb Co.) Reports for month of August &c. Will go
to Jackson Ala. and investigate the girl case this week
if possible I think this County will be all settling
up on the Election of Delegates to the Convention.
Will be done soon and settle up "that old matter"
Now about some bacon for this County?

Very Truly Yours
C. O. Whitney

Stevenson Ala. Sept 23rd 67.

Sharpp. Cyrus.
To Col. Jno Callis.

Honored Sir:-

Again I avail my-
self of the opportunity of writing you a few lines in
order to find out whether you have collected my
money for me or not. I wish to hear from you soon
regarding that particular. Please write and give
me all the news concerning that business for I am
very anxious to hear from it.

Yours Truly, &c
Cyrus Sharpp

War Department O.R.T. & A.S.
Office Chief G. M.
Washington D.C. Sept. 9th 1867.

Whittelsey N. M.
To Lt. S. J. Whiting
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of
5 inst transmitting classified reports of G. M. Stores G. M.
S. U.S.A. Vg. Report of G. M. Stores required for further
use of the Bureau" Report of "Stores not required for
further use of the Bureau" You are directed as to the
latter to cause the same to be turned in to the Quartermaster
U.S.A. and as to the former you will be further advised
when the bill for the same at the appraised value
thereof, is received, from the Quartermaster General's office

By Command of
Major General W. O. Howard
Commissioner
Henry M. Whittelsey
Chf. G. M. O.R.T. & A.S.

Huntsville Alabama
September 24th 1867

General John P. Ballis
Huntsville Ala.
General

I had the honor on Monday last of submitting to the Commissioners Court, or County authorities your proposition to turn over to said authorities, your Hospital at this place, together with all your rights of Hospital supplies &c

As the presiding officer of this Court I am instructed in reply to say that they are willing to take charge of, and provide for, at the expense of the County all the inmates of your Hospital who are Citizens of this County, provided that you will at the same time, turn over to the County, a proportion of your Hospital stores &c, according to numbers &c

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James H. Scruggs
Probate Judge

War Department O.R. & A.S.
Washington Sept 14th 1867

Howe. A.P.
To Bt Brig Gen J.P. Ballis
Huntsville Ala

General

I am directed by Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following named discharged Soldiers
Charles Kyle "D" Co 44th Regt U.S.C. & I.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
A.P. Howe
Bt Maj. Gen. W.F.A.

War Department O.R. & A.S.
Claim Division Washington Sept 7th 67

Howe Maj Gen A.P.
To Bt Brig Gen J.P. Ballis
Huntsville Ala

General

I am directed by Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in case of the following named discharged Soldiers
John Bradley "G" Co 14th Regt U.S.C. & I.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
A.P. Howe
Bt Maj Gen W.F.A.

War Department O.R. & A.S.
Claim Division Washington Sept 6th 67

Howe Maj Gen A.P.
To Bt Brig Gen J.P. Ballis
Huntsville Alabama

Gen.

I am directed by Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following named discharged Soldiers
Frank Garth D. M. Sergt. 111 Regt U.S.C. & I.
Osborn Garth. Pri Lt A. 106th " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
A.P. Howe
Bt Brig Gen W.F.A.

Office P. A. F. & A. S.
Houston, Ala. Sept 20th 1867

Hydes H. H.
To Bt. Brig Gen. J. B. Hallis
Nimbleville Ala.

Sir: I have made no issues of rations for the month of September from the fact that I thought my people could live my report of issues ending 20. Aug left on hand Sixty sacks of flour I yet have the 60 sacks on hand Subject to your order please acknowledge the receipt of my report ending August 20th please let me hear from you soon.

I have been quite for a number of days and now at this time unable to see after my business away from my room. I will be at your place as soon as I recover sufficient to travel

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. H. Hyde.
agt P. A. F. & A. S.

Head Qrs District of Alabama
P. A. F. & A. S. Montgomery Ala Sept 19th 1867

Kusman O. S.
To Bt. Brig Gen. J. B. Hallis
Nimbleville Ala.

General

By direction of the Asst Commissioner you will suspend from duty all the agents in your Sub Dist to date from the 1st prox. Application for the revocation of their appointments goes forward to day.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
O. S. Kusman
Sub Asst Com

Montgomery Ala Sept 25th 1867

Gewin L. L.

To Genl Jno B. Hallis

Dear Sir

Yours of 21st inst came to hand our yesterday in which you say I will so arrange my business as to close up my accounts with the Bureau through your office by 1st of October. please write me by return mail what I am to do with my Book and Contracts and all other papers in my possession belonging to the Bureau Office of this County and all that will be required of me to do so. I know of no settlement I can make only my coin issuing for the month which will require three blanks of No 4 forms will you please to send me said 3 blank forms by return mail. "Candace" General Compels me to say that I am truly sorry that I am called upon to lay down my pen & close up for several reasons 1st because by the office I have been enabled to support my poor family which this scanty support is far better than I shall be able to do without it. 2nd because I greatly fear the poor freed people will without our agents in this County be in many cases swindled out of their rights. which if not attended to at the proper time (towards the end of the year before the Crops are gathered and disposed of will be a dear loss to them.

I have tried to do my duty to both parties. Doubtless I have in some cases failed to do full justice. I am well pleased to know that a large majority of White & Black are well pleased with me as agent &c. You will General please receive my thanks for your kindness to me. I shall not forget you & hope you may live a long and happy life. I yet have some coin on hand & think it likely I may have a few sacks on hand when my time runs out please advise me what to do with what may be on hand if any &c. Please write fully and don't forget to send me those blank forms No 4.

May I ask of you to do me the favor of sending my checks or at least the one for August. my family are at this time without meat and nothing but cash will get it

I am Sir as Ever
Your friend
C. C. Gencie

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Sept 27 67

Kearman O.D.
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Ballis.
Nuntsville Ala.

General.

In your communication of 21st inst giving birth of agents of your Subdist. you failed to give birth place of Mr. D.C. Punentine. You will please forward the same at once.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
O.D. Kearman
Sub Asst Comr.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D.C. Sept 17 67

Thomas Chat
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Ballis.
Nuntsville Ala.

Sir. Your Returns of Q.M. Stores as S.A. Comr at Nuntsville Ala. for the month of Aug. 1867. has been received through Bu. Ref. &c. and when examined will be sent to the third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement of which you will be duly notified.

By Order of the Q.M. Genl
Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Chas Thomas
A. A. Q. M. Genl.
Bt Maj Gen Ufa.

Pascumbia Sept 30 1867.

Simpson Wm
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Ballis.
Nuntsville Ala.

Sir:

Jno. W. Green requests me to say to you in reply to yours of the 21st inst that as soon as he is able he will visit Nuntsville & close his accounts.

He is now in bed but thinks he will soon be up in a few days.

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Simpson

Office Bureau A.S. and A.S.
Sub Dist of Courts
Covington Miss Sept 21/67

Smith Geo S.
To Bt. Lt Col. A. W. Smith
A. A. Genl Vicksburg Miss.

Colonel.

I have the honor to state that some time in September 1866. the discharge paper of Wm. Walker Colored. private Co. "C" 110th Regt U. S. C. I. were placed in the hands of Col. Jno. B. Callis. Agent Bureau A.S. & A.S. at Huntsville Ala with other papers necessary for the collection of bounty due him and nothing has been heard from the papers since.

I am informed Colonel Callis has been written to several times concerning the matter but no reply has as yet been received. Information is requested as to what action has been taken in reference to this application for bounty.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant
Geo. S. Smith
Capt U.S. Bt Maj
Sub Ass. Comr

in War

Attent. Ma. Sept 29 1867.

Sauforth Jas
To Gen Jno. B. Callis

General.

I pen you a few lines to let you know that since I saw you I have been prostrated with a severe attack of Bilious Fever, and am now scarcely able to get up. I was attacked while in the act of fixing up these books for shipments. I hope in a day or two to be able to fix up all my books and papers in good order and forward to you as it will take but little work to do it. Meanwhile if I should be a little sicker as to time you will please excuse me for the above reason. General. I feel very grateful and highly appreciate your kind motives towards me. I also appreciate the motives of the authorities in their retrenchment. Truly their wisdom cannot be doubted. If I can render you any private or public service or information in future all you have to do is to Command. Excuse for I am too weak to write.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. Sauforth

Decatur Ala Sept 30 1867.

Murphy W. E.
To Gen Jno. B. Callis.

Sir: - Rose Murphy (Colr) is anxious to hear from her application for pay bounty & pension due her by U.S. Govt. as the Widow of Nelson Murphy Decr who was a private in Co "K" 111. U. S. C. I. Hoping to hear from you soon I am Very Respectfully
Wm. E. Murphy.

P.S. I may be in error as to the Co & Regt.

Moulton Ala. Sept 30 67

Genl L. L.
to Genl Jno B. Hallis

My Dear Sir:

Yours of 27th inst is before me in which you say you wish me to still act as an Agent &c. you also wish me to act as the friend of the colored men in settling up contracts &c. &c. you also direct me to hold on to the Books and papers for that purpose &c. and you then say an eye to Economy was the cause of my Suspension.

I am more than willing General to still act as your Agent & do my duty as such but allow me to say that I am truly a very poor man. I am in my 55th year of age. I have a wife and six children to work for. My children are all girls but one and she only 6 years of age & it requires me time to support my family. Hence the words in your letter that an eye to economy was the cause of my Suspension. It seems to imply that I may not be paid by the Government for my future work. If so situated as I am pecuniarily it would be impossible for me to act. I am truly sorry for the poor colored men as they are daily coming to me and asking me to let them petition you to keep me in office &c. I have told them in answer to the question what they must do to get their rights that they must sue in a District Court or Circuit Court they ask me if I will assist them &c. I do not see

General how you can get on without a County Agent here. Not a day passes but I am visited by either a white or a colored man on business in my office. It will take up all my time to be attended to it properly. A very great many Contracts for last year are yet unsettled and I have been so crowded that I had to appoint a man in Courtland to assist me in making

Settlements. So you see my dear Sir it will require all my time to do the duties of the office here and of course I can't do it without being paid for it. If you will say to me that I shall be paid same as before. As my labor I will go ahead and do my duty as far as able. Please let me hear from you soon as convenient. If I am not continued in office there is a few cases which I will call your attention to that ought to be attended to. one of them a case of some importance & ought to be given to a decision &c.

Respectfully & Fraternally Yours
L. L. Genl

October 1st 1867

General

The Election is going on today quietly and peaceably. I am fully confident of opinion that the Union candidate will be elected, as also Convention in this County.

I have at least it appears to me had 60 cases this day for business by freedmen and white men, but I put them off until I can hear from you.

Respectfully &c.
L. L. Genl

October 2nd 67

Genl L. L.
to Genl Jno B. Hallis

Dear Sir:

I send up my report for settlement of rations for month of Sept. I still have on hand a few sacks of Corn. please if I am not continued in office direct me what to do with it if you retain me in office of course I will issue them out. I also have a small lot of sacks on hand which will be forwarded as soon

as all are empty &c.

An old man, Friedman, called on me yesterday to know if I could, not compel a Mr. William P. Holmes to give up to him his two Gaudohat now. The Parents are dead and Holmes has them bound to him. I told the old man that I would write to you for advice I will add that the children have a good home at Mr Holmes he & his wife have no children.

Respectfully
Cordell Green.

Head Quarters, Dist of Ala.
Bureau Refugees Land &c.
Montgomery Ala. Sept 30th 1864

Kinsman O. G.
To Bt Brig Genl Geo B. Callis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Monteville Ala.

General:

I have the honor to transmit herewith revocations of appointment of the following named agents to date from Sept 3rd 1864.

You will please acknowledge receipt hereof. M. M. Gilbreath, J. H. Green, D. C. Laurentine, C. C. Sheats, C. C. Gevin, James Sanforth, D. Mitchell, C. A. Tinge, W. L. Garrison and W. D. Pointer

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O. S. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comr.

Stevenson Ala. Oct 3 1864

See Allen.
To Genl Geo B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

Capt H. C. Cautley said he wanted me to take charge of the claims he had and said he would write to Washington and have them all turned over to me if he has done so. I know nothing of it. I have as yet have none of his papers or business in my hands. He taken several claims with him to Washington with him but they were all he said informal. The papers he said he left in Washington City. There is about all & then about his business in regard to claims. I have none of them in my hands nor never had.

Yours respectfully

Allen See.

Head Quarters of Alabama
Chief Clerk Wm. B. T. T. T.
Montgomery Ala. Oct 4 1864

Whiting L.
To Bt Brig Genl Geo B. Callis
Monteville Ala.

Sir:

Your monthly accounts C. C. G. E. for the month of September 1864 have been received, examined and forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau R. O. and Ch. E. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Genl Hager Swaine Comr.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L. J. Whiting
2nd Lt 45th U.S. Infy 9th Me.
R. O. & A. S. State of Ala.

Head Quarters of Alabama
Office Chief of M. B. R. P. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Oct 3 1867

Whiting J. B. Catlin
St. Louis Mo.

Sir,

Your monthly account
Quartermasters Stores for the month of September
1867 have been received examined and forwarded
to the Commissioner Bureau R. P. & A. S. at
Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Gen. Hager Duane A. C.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. B. Catlin
St. Louis Mo. & C. M.
R. P. & A. S. State of Ala.

Head Quarters of Alabama
Office Chief of M. B. R. P. & A. S.
State of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Oct 3 1867

Whiting J. B. Catlin
St. Louis Mo.

General,

Your returns of items
pertaining to Bureau for month of September
is herewith returned for the correction of errors as marked
by. The expenditure of one horse brush and
one water bucket appear on your abs "S" - these
articles are classed as means of transportation &
cannot be disposed of in any way until they are
inspected and condemned. The expenditure
of two gallons of Oil for lighting, which also appears
on the same abstract is considered exorbitant.

It is essential in that the voucher should show the
number of rooms lighted and the number of lights
used in this case and in all cases where large expe-
nditures are made the cause must be explicitly sta-
ted.

By Order of Major Gen. Hager Duane A. C.
J. B. Catlin
St. Louis Mo. & C. M.

War Department R. P. & A. S.
Claim List Washington Sept 28 67

Dear A. P.
To R. P. & A. S. Catlin
Sub. Agent Commissioner
St. Louis Mo.

Sir,

I am directed by Major
General C. C. Swaine Commissioner to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty
in the case of the following named discharged soldiers

John Phillips & Co. 44th Regt U. S. C. S.
George Wamaak & Co. 44th

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. B. Catlin
St. Louis Mo. & C. M.

Montgomery Ala Oct 5 67

Robert Juda
to Gen J B Wallis

Sir,

I have recently had a claim collected for me at Washington City for services for my son who was a soldier in the U. S. Army and who fell in the Battle of Vicksburg. My Agent informs me that I will get my money through the Freedman's Bureau. The money was collected for by one C. H. H. Claim Agent. I want to know if the money has come to hand at your office. By telling me know you will confer a favor on

Your Correspondent

J. A. Roberts, Col

Direct Care of C. H. H.

Head Quarters War of Ala
Office Supt of Education B. R. H.
Montgomery Ala Oct 5 67

Buckley C. H.

to Bt Brig Gen J B Wallis

Sub Asst Com Huntsville Ala

General

Enclosed please find voucher for your signature - the appropriation have been made for this purpose by order of the Asst Comr

Very Respectfully

Your obedt Servant

C. H. Buckley

Supt of Education

Head Quarters War of Alabama
Office C. S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala Oct 5 67

Arthur W. L.

to Bt Brig Gen J B Wallis

Sub Asst Comr

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with return your statement of provisions for 1867 with the request that you forward separate items of the articles received from funds of the B. R. H. and such as have been received under appropriation of March 30 1867.

The former for the Office of J. H. Bucklock Bt Brig Gen & C. S. Bureau the latter for office of J. H. Bucklock Bt Brig Gen

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

A. W. L.

C. S. Bureau

Montgomery Ala. Oct 7/1867

Becher, Edwin

to Genl J. B. Hallis

Huntsville Ala.

General

Enclose \$216⁰⁰ your
pay, less $\frac{1}{4}$ of one % discount for September also your order
which it seems I had retained.

I also enclose check No 82. on New York for \$334.34
in payment of the following claims.

Your account current except the nine Agents on the
Receipt Roll. \$228.34

Your telegraph account 56.51

Dr. Pitch Postage 1.50

Joseph Buford 10.00

Prior Turner 44.00

334.34

Circular No 24. dated Washington July 19th 1867 provides
that "No final payment will be made to any Agent
Clerk or assistant, until he shall have satisfied
the Disbursing Officer by proper certificates that he
has properly accounted for all money, Bureau or
other public property, for which he has been responsible
as an Agent of this Bureau."

The Agents on your rolls I understand are discharged
and therefore cannot be paid until this cer-
tificate is furnished. your certificate will answer.

The account of Scott &c do not look exa-
ctly right. I have no doubt that they are in substance
correct. but they are in a shape that might raise
objections at Washington. One account is for
hauling, and the charge is by the sack; and then
on the same day a charge for 24 days work in
hauling Corn. They would be very apt to stop
at Washington. that the charge for hauling
ought to include the whole. If you can make
it in a shape that will leave no room for cavil

do. so. I have some impression that these accounts have
been here before and it may be that I have not been
explicit enough in making suggestions; but of this
I am not certain.

Please advise me of receipt of money.

Very respectfully

Edwin Becher

Washington D. C. Oct 8/67

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge

the receipt of your

check No.

and to learn the

PA address of the following:

Martin Gilcrease Co A 106 C. 100

Columbus Washington B 106

Joseph Points

Randall Freeman

I have on file application for pay for these
parties and need further proof before
they can be allowed.

Can you favor me with their address.

Yours Respectfully

J. O. Miller

J. Miller

Need On Dist of Alabama
Bureau of Dist. Montgomery
Oct 8th 1867

Kinsman O. A.
"St. Briden" & Co. Attys
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Alabama

General

The Asst Comm-
issioner directs that you forward to this office at an
early date as possible all the information you
have relative to the treatment of Union Prison-
ers in the South and that you furnish from time to time
as you gain them any facts bearing upon the
Subject.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O. A. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm-

Montgomery Ala Oct 9th 1867.

Given to 40.
To the Just B. Allen

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your
attention to a case that I think should be attended
to. Some time last Spring a freedman named J. J.
Dewell swapped a mule to a white man named
Waldrop. he says he executed his note to Waldrop
for forty dollars as boot in said mule swap.
The note falls due 1st of next month he says that
he can prove by several witnesses that Waldrop
told him his Waldrop's mule was a good work mule
and he can also prove that said mule would not
work. he went to Waldrop for a rule and he
would not do so. he then told Waldrop he would
not pay the forty dollars note. Waldrop traded the

note to a Mr Cook and Cook has sued out an attachment
and had a mule of Dewell levied on for said debt.
so Dewell came to me about it. I wrote to the Justice
to know what sort of process he issued if any and
upon what grounds so. I also wrote to him to continue
said case until next Monday that I might be at
the trial. Last Monday being the day set for said
trial. I also directed that he issue subpoenas for
all of said Dewell's witnesses. But General ^{family} on
yesterday received by mail a notice from you or rather
from General Howard that my appointment of the
Agency for this County was revoked, and not getting
an answer from you to my last letter. I am at a loss
to know how to act whether to act as agent or not. for
if I go down and defend said Dewell in his trial
as Bureau Agent it should not be sustained
by you or the Government & yet I could take any
advantage of me he might use said advantage.

I have written to the Justice to continue said case
until next Monday week, giving me time to hear from
you & I can't possibly leave here now having business
in Court which is now on hand. It is thirty miles
from here to where the trial will be so.

I send enclosed the letter of the Justice in answer to
mine so. Several other cases I have put off until I
hear from you.

Respectfully
C. C. Gurn.

Deighton Ala Oct 11th 1867.

Stanley E. R.

To C. C. Gurn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of today is before
me and I hasten to reply. First I will state that on
the first 2nd of this month Cook came before me
and made affidavit for an attachment and upon

the affidavit issued the same. I will give you a copy of affidavit and I will state further that in every case where there is a freedman interested I am very careful to instruct the officer to enquire very carefully and get the names of every witness they wish to be present and a trial & try to instruct them as to their duty in defence of their case and their duties to each other.
Copy of Cook's Affidavit -

Before me E. R. Stanley a Justice of the Peace of Lawrence County & State of Ala personally appeared E. B. Cook who after being duly sworn dep. that Nelson D. Sewell is or will be justly indebted to him in the sum of Forty dollars (\$40.00) and that Nelson D. Sewell swears that he will bring up in Hill his effects before he will pay the said debt and that this attachment is not sued out for the purpose of vexing or harassing the defendant or for other improper motives. Sworn to as law directs &c.
Now you have the case as it is and I would like you to be present and that will relieve me of some of the burthen of the case. as to the conduct of the plaintiff and Officer in sum & his part I am not pleased. But have always regarded the Courtable as a prudent man. I will continue me 'are until Monday week next in accord with your suggestion. You will keep me posted if there is any other change.

The plaintiff has given bond as the law directs.

E. R. Stanley

Montgomery, Ala. Oct 9 67

Beecher, Edwin
Post St. Bldg. Ind. J. D. Wallis
Nimbleville Ala.

General

On the 10th of Nov 1866 there was shipped by the Steamer N. A. Arthur from New Orleans the following property by rail viz:

at Decatur	3460	Sacks Corn
	17	Casks of Bacon
Nimbleville	1641	Sacks of Corn
	8	Casks of Bacon
Jussumbia	1300	Sacks Corn
	6	Casks of Bacon

When the vouchers were presented for payment there was found in the receipt I think of the G. M. at Memphis a statement that part of the Corn was in bad order, or missing, I have forgotten which.

These vouchers were returned to the parties for correction and somehow have been lost. Duplicates are now presented for payment at Washington and it has been referred to me for information. I have no means of ascertaining what amount of damage if any, was sustained. Can you furnish any facts in relation to it.

Please answer soon, as the matter has been delayed a long time and it is desirous to settle it as soon as practicable.

Dr. E. B. Cook & Co.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher

Washington D.C. Oct 9th 1867

O'Neill Dns.
To Genl Jno B. Callis.

Dear Sir,

I have this day sent
by Adams Express \$198⁰⁰ to your address for
Marline Derrick Widow of Nandy Derrick.
late Corp^t Capt Merrill Co "G" 1st Reg^t S.C. I
Below please find Statement - I hope she will
soon be able to furnish the papers called for in
her add. bounty & Pension case.

Statement.	Total of Claim	\$208. 60
	Fee for Collection	10. 00
	Sent by Express	198. 60

Yours Truly
John C. O'Neill.

Head Qrs Dist of Ala. Office of J. M. B. B. B.
Montgomery Ala Oct 10th 1867

Whiting S.J.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis

General,

Please find enclosed
Invoices & Receipts of Stores Pertaining to Bureau
transferred to you - You are requested to return signed
receipts at your earliest Convenience

Very respectfully

S. J. Whiting

Q 44 U S D. a. a. g. m
P. H.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen and A.S.
Wid. Mrs. Sub. Ala. 6th Sub. Ala.
Frederickburg Va. Oct 11th 1867

Asst. Commissioner

Bureau Refugees Freedmen and A.S.
State of Alabama.

Sir,

I have the honor to request
that the Asst. Sub. Comm. of the Division at which
Frankfort Alabama is located be instructed to call personally
on Evalina Peyton (Colored) living with John C. Keeten
Frankfort, Ala. and ascertain from her as to whether she
desires to return to her Parents living in this place.

Her Parents are highly respectable, and desire to have
their Daughter return home, they having written several
letters with the view of ascertaining from her, her wishes in
this particular - the only information they can get is
she has a good home.

Her Parents are able and willing to send
her money to pay her fare home - if she is not able. Their
anxiety to have their Child - from whom they were separated
by her being sold - is very great.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

James Johnson

Bt St. Col. Major U.S.A.

Sub. Asst. Commissioner

Head Qrs. District of Alabama
Office Supt of Education R.R. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. Oct 11 1867.

Buckley C. W.
To Brig Genl Jno B. Lellis.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Nuntsville Ala.

Sir:
I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th and in reply have to state that your suggestion is received with favor and that application will be made to the General to have this money put into your hands and paid out at your discretion in accordance with the provisions of the grant.

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
C. W. Buckley
Supt. Education

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama
Office Chief of Mr R.R. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala Oct 10 1867.

Whiting St. S. J.
To Brig Genl Jno B. Lellis.
S. A. C. Nuntsville Ala.

Sir:
Your monthly accounts Stores pertaining to Bureau for the month of Sept 1867. have been received, examined and forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau R.R. & A.S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Maj Genl Wager Swayne Com.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
S. J. Whiting
2^d Lt 45th U. S. Inf Chf. m.
R.R. & A.S. State of Alabama

Nashville Tenn Oct 2 1867

Ingersoll W. W.
To Brig Genl Jno B. Lellis
Nuntsville Ala.

General:

Yours of the 30th ult is just received and in reply would state that claim in case of Coleman Kelly pri Co "K" 15th U. S. C. I. was for a long time suspended for addl evidence - I succeeded last march in getting the necessary affidavits of Cha^s Kelly and Miles Cornilus both of whom knew the parties - which I forwarded and on the 21st March of the claim was forwarded. "OK" since which time I have not heard from it.

I have got no claim of Polk Kelly on my books. I have a claim of Adeline Kelly mother of Turner Kelly decd Co "K" 15th U. S. Inf which is all right but not settled.

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
W. W. Ingersoll

War Department Bureau R.R. & A.S.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Oct 12 1867.

Whittelsey W. M.
To Brig Genl Jno B. Lellis.
S. A. C. Nuntsville Ala.

Sir:
Your monthly accounts Quartermaster Stores and Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage & M. Dept for the month of September 1867. have been received, examined and forwarded to St Maj Genl M. E. Meigs. Quartermaster General U. S. Army

By Order of Maj Genl A. O. Howard Com.
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittelsey
Chf. of Mr. B. R. & A.S.

Office Acting Commissioner of Subst
Bureau R. P. A. Funds
Montgomery Ala Oct 11 67

Arthur W. C.
To Brig Gen J. B. Callis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montsville Alabama

General

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated Oct 8th &
in reply would respectfully state that the only Corn
and Bacon purchased under the act of March 31st
for this State was received from Mr. Kellerton at Mobile Ala
of which 20489 pounds of Bacon was transferred to you
that purchase from Braudies & Crawford was from the
Bureau Fund.

I have therefore the honor to return herewith your
Statement for Correction.

I am Sir, Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. C. Arthur
A. C. S. Bureau R. P. A. S.

Montgomery Ala Oct 12 1867

Beecher Edwin
To Genl Jno B. Callis
Montsville Ala

General

Yours of the 9th inst
received. In making the check I see I had taken the
receipt roll instead of account Current.

I now enclose check no 89 in your favor for \$34⁵⁰/₁₀₀
balance of account Current and check no 90 in favor
of Scott & Co. for \$134⁴⁰/₁₀₀ in payment of their account
Was the check for \$334⁹⁴/₁₀₀ no 82 or 86? I was too busy
last week to get anything right - Truly Yours
Edwin Beecher

Florence Alabama Oct 13 67

Mr Vay M. W.
To Genl Jno B. Callis

Dear Sir -

Robt Turner called at
my house on yesterday afternoon and said he had a letter
from Mr J. A. Green of Tusculum to you as regards
two mules that was taken from this place by W. Jones.
Said Green said that he wished me to write you
and say that I had been their Surety - that is Turners &
Nicholas Hawkins (Breedman) for the delivery of the prop-
erty to be tried at Court - Well at Court the case was called
up, and Col E. A. O'Neal said the mules had been
taken by some Federal Officer and that Genl R. M. Patton
had told him and others that they had done it without
order, that he Genl Patton should have been consulted
on the subject and that he the said Genl Patton intended the
mules should be sent back - Well Genl Patton he was
the worst of Rebels, was one of the most stringent enemies
of Slaves we had, and is now one of the best Union men
I am a Radical in every sense of the word - want no
man to hold office unless he can take the Iron clad
oath. Well as to old Patro I will say no more, now
the mule case, I hope, I am free from that and as
to what you had best do and will do I have nothing
to say in the matter - Decided like for Nicholas the breedman
to have his which was branded C. S. The mule no
doubt was stolen from the Federal Army, and it does
seem to me that if such property is to be given away
it should be given to Union Soldiers. Now there is a
Mr Maxwell who lives in three miles of this place, who was
in the Federal Army two years and has a family of
8 children. This Mr Maxwell was forced into the army
and in what way, our present Judge of the Probate
Court, sent Rebel Soldiers to his house to arrest him
and Conscript him into the army - Sent Rebel Soldiers
and had what little meat & meal he had taken from

his family. this same John Walton whom General Pope gave this appointment to is a Methodist Preacher prayed and preached for the success of the Rebel arms devoted to the support of the Rebel Cause -

I General go in for my own party the U. S. & now what I say is all true and General Dodge & Ewing will state that I done all I could for the U. S. & I wish I could see you and give you a general history. This Robert Turner was in the Secesh Army. & now do as you wish. & if you feel disposed to let Nick Cluckins have his mule as he calls him. you can write and he will come up on the train and bring his home - write to me. I hope you and all U. S. Officers & men are well. My respects to Major Jones & Dr. Elgers.

I am Truly Yr fr
H. P. McVay.

War Department, D. R. & A. S.
Claim Division Washington
Oct 2 1867.

Wm. H. P.
Col. Brig. Gen. J. B. Callis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General:

I am directed by
Major General W. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following named discharged soldiers:-
Henry Humphreys A. Co 106 Regt U. S. Col. D.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. P. Howe
Act. Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

Houston Ala Oct 16 1867

Gen. H. L.

Br. Gen. J. B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

At the present term of our Circuit Court a freedman (a boy rather) only 16 years old was tried under a charge of aiding a freedman to "steal" and kill a hog belonging to one W. P. McDaniel a white man the Jury rendered a verdict against this 16 year old boy of guilty of Grand Larceny and the Sheriff tells me he is sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Prison I have called on the Dailer had a talk with him about it. he tells me that my Boy has not got over that since. Hardly capable of knowing right from wrong there was but one witness in the case a white man named James Brooks he stated under oath that this boy and a black man named Phil Pruitt killed the hog, he caught them at it they did not use said hog but the owner of the hog got it &c. The witness stated that this 16 years old Boy whose name is Raudall Pruitt was up to the killing of this hog born of good character. the man who helped kill the hog has left the County. the Sheriff turned them out of jail without bond on their Honor the poor Boy went to work 'til Court come to his trial &c. - But the man Phil Pruitt who no doubt drew the boy into it left the County this boy Raudall Pruitt is very young & very ignorant almost idiotic. I want something be done to keep him out of the Penitentiary for so small an offence. His mother came to see me to day about it she is a Widow with 4 small children and this boy Raudall was working for her and helping her support the family. She also tells me that this is positively the first time her son ever was accused of theft and no doubt but this Phil P. led him in to it &c. If anything can be done to keep said boy out of the State Prison it ought to be done soon. our Court will close on Saturday & no doubt

Madison Ala. Oct 16th 1867

Lawrence A. C.
To Gen. J. B. Wallis
Moundsville Ala

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the removal of my appointment as agent. I found it here this morning on my return from Rome Ga. to look after a lot of Govt Corn. that the Rail Road and Steamboat Co. had in store for freight. I did not bring with it not having the money to pay freight and the Agent informed that he had received no transportation for the Corn. I wrote to some time ago on the subject. I have delay making a final report to you until I looked into the Corn in Rome Ga.

I will send you forward my final report tomorrow what will be done with the Corn alluded to.

Will I General receive any compensation for all my toil and Expenditure. May I hope to hear from you.

I have the honor to be General
Your most obedient servant
D.C. Deventine.

War Department. A. R. & A. S.

Office Chief Quartermaster.

Washington. Oct 16th 1867.

Whittelsey H. M.

To Brig Gen J. B. Wallis

Sub Asst Comr Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Property account

Stores pertaining to the Bureau A. R. & A. S. for the month of September 1867 has been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination & Settlement

By Order of Maj Gen. O. O. Howard, Commanding

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

Henry M. Whittelsey

Adj. G. M. Bureau A. R. & A. S.

(Pulaski Oct 9th 1867)

Swaine General.

Suffer me to apologize to you for thus addressing a total stranger.

I desire to bring to the notice of the Bureau the case of William Mitchell (Colored) is Frank M. Deaver with a statement of facts. Years gone by, Mr. Jacob School, of this place (now dead) had a favorite negro girl named Hannah, who by some mishap had an illegitimate child, (a daughter) Several years afterwards William Mitchell, who at that time, belonged to Mr James W. Mitchell (was his foreman & Waggoner) Mr. M. Soed cut here and moved to Miss. William and Hannah sometime before had agreed to marry. Mr. School, being a Strict Methodist would not consent unless done in his presence and in a legitimate way, all of which was consummated in his parlor in his presence and the family and many other idle Spectators; by Dr R. S. (P. White) - This case began before Capt. Meade my predecessor, and on his leaving here, all his papers &c were turned over to me. I had Deaver notified, twice to come forward have the matter investigated. He declined. I then sent a Squad of men who brought him. I made the settlement upon his own statement, but he then made a subterfuge, that he was not certain that William and Hannah were ever legally married and was of opinion that Hannah's daughter was the legitimate heir to the legacy (\$32000) This threw the "onus Probandis" upon William, who went out got Dr White & also to come in and testify, (which they did, upon oath) agreeable to the foregoing statement. I then took Deaver's note to be paid to me for Williams benefit. So soon as he could get his cotton to market, having as he said (3) three bales then ready. He took his cotton to market - Nashville - sold it, pocketed the money and cut out for Alabama - My Successor Mr. Caldwell at my request, forwarded the claim and now we understand and D. refuses to pay unless coerced. (upon his former refusal)

William (or Billy) is a colored man. that is his skin is dark - I have known him for some 25 or 30 years and think him white internally. Deaver has a white skin but internally this deponent saith not I have known him for many years also.

General, I dislike to bore you with my little official business, but thinking that every one should be in possession of all the facts before action I write you this. I would further state that Billy having no one in Alabama to go his way and my own acquaintances being few cannot get it back in that much hated institution the "Negro Bureau". Can Billy take it under the Pauper? or can we get this little matter in the U. S. Court. William being a citizen of Tennessee, and how long should he be here before he is a citizen? and how sue in the U. S. Court. These are doubt questions for which you will pardon me. Please give me your views, and the course you may advise. As to the \$200⁰⁰ or \$300⁰⁰ I guess that Billy could borrow that amount from some friend. I am not a citizen of Alabama. Yet I have a fine farm there under good headway - I refer you to Capt Judd, our present Agent as to myself &c. Also to Mr Caldwell his predecessor.

Dec. 232.

Respectfully Yours

John C. Jackson

Office Board of Registrars
Birmingham County
County Miss. Oct 11/67

Webster Joshua.
To Brt Maj Gen Hagerdwayne.
Asst Commissioner B. R. & A. S.

Montgomery Alabama.

General:

Enclosed I send you communication of J. A. Jackson Esq. of Pulaski Tenn late agent of the Bureau then in reference to case of Mr Mitchell Freedman vs S. M. Deaver for payment

of note of Deaver in favor of Mitchell of \$326⁰⁰. The papers in the case have already been through your office and were returned with endorsement that Deaver could not be found. Since then he has been found and on making demand for the money he refused to pay unless compelled by the courts. I referred his answer to said demand to General Callis at Huntsville who instructed that the case should be put into the Courts. Mr. Mitchell endeavored to get the case into the Circuit Court at Tusculum where Mr. Deaver resided but was prevented from so doing by the fact that he was a non resident of the State and would before bringing suit have to give security for costs of suit a State Law. Mitchell being a colored man is totally unable to do so at Tusculum 1st because he is a stranger there, and because he is colored and because he has not the means to make a cash deposit. Consequently he is debarred from having any chance in the Courts and he respectfully prays and petitions that the agents of the Bureau be instructed to investigate the circumstances and if said indebtedness should appear just and right that said S. M. Deaver be compelled to pay said note of \$326⁰⁰.

Dec 232.

I am respectfully

Joshua Webster.
Mem Board of Registrars
County Miss.

Florence Ala. Oct 20th 1867.

Waring Oscar M.
To. Brig Genl J. B. Wallis
Montsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

I thought proper to
say to you in regard to School reports that we have been
delayed this Season in commencing operations. I have
had (here) a severe species of bilious fever lasting two
months. We commenced School on the 30th ult. and
at the end of the current month will forward report. Your
last blank sent has been received.

Truly Yours
Oscar M. Waring,
Prin Id. m. School Florence.

Head. Quarters District of Alabama
Bureau R. P. and A. Sands.
Montgomery Ala Oct 21st 67.

Kinsman O. D.
To. Brig Genl J. B. Wallis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montsville Ala.

General:

Reports have reached
this office from various Quarters in the District that many
attempts (in some cases successful) were made to dissuade
the freedmen from voting with a view to prevent the
 requisite number of votes being cast on the question of a
 Convention. It is understood that many different
 means were used to effect the object prominent among
 which was the statement positively made that the election
 was postponed, and that consequently it was useless
 to proceed to the place of voting. In some cases
 it is stated that bills were distributed and posted
 in public places setting forth this falsehood.

The Asst Commissioner desires that you at once make full
 report of all the facts bearing upon this subject now within
 your knowledge and that you supplement this report
 from time to time as other cases become known.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

O. D. Kinsman

Sub Asst Comr

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama, R. P. and A. Sands.
Montgomery Ala. Oct 22nd 1867.

Kinsman O. D.
To. Brig Genl J. B. Wallis
Sub Asst Comr Montsville Ala.

General:

I have the honor to
enclose herewith the discharges of the following named colored
 soldiers whose claims against the Government for bounty are
 allowed, and the amounts set opposite their respective names
 in the hands of the Chief Dis Officer of this Bureau for
 remittance to them:

Wm Fletcher	U. S. 12 th U. S. C. R.	\$230.00
Edridge Fletcher	" " " " " "	\$230.00
Saml Cartwright	" " " " " "	\$230.00
Henry Cartwright	" " " " " "	\$230.00
Edw Mc Clemon	" " " " " "	\$230.00

(Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and
its Enclosures.)

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

O. D. Kinsman

Sub Asst Commissioner

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama B.R.D.
Montgomery Ala Oct 22 1867.

Kinsman O. D.

Colt Bug & Co. Jno. B. Ellis

Sub Asst Comm Huntsville Ala.

General.

(Referring to Circular)

Letter of the 16th inst and to S. C. Co. Current Series relative to transfer of Hospitals to the civil authorities the Asst Commissioner desires it to be clearly understood that the civil authorities will receive and care for all the inmates of said Hospitals without regard to their being or having been residents of other Counties. The General Government having supported these paupers of these Counties for more than two years and now transferring to the civil authorities so much valuable property it is but just that the latter assume the care of all the inmates without transferring any portion of them to Counties which have not received this special aid.

Very respectfully.

Your Obedient Servant

O. D. Kinsman

Sub. Asst. Commission

Office Bureau R. S. & A. Sands

Sub Dist of Corinth Miss

Corinth Oct 23rd 1867.

Wheaton Capt. Lloyd.

To Sub Asst Commissioner

Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Mary Parish (Colored) who formerly lived near Courtland Ala. but now a resident of this place. Complains that William Bradford (white) who lives at Mt. Hope near Courtland Ala. has her piano which he took from her residence without her permission

during the War. and that he still holds it refusing to give it up. She either wants the ^{piano or} money for it.

This complaint is respectfully submitted to you for such action as you deem proper in the case.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant.

D. L. C. 233

Loyd. Wheaton

Capt. 34th U. S. Infy

Det St. Col. U. S. A. S. A. C.

October 8th 1867.

Eason O. C.

To Genl Jno B. Ellis

Sir:

I avail myself of the occasion to drop you a line on business very important to me. I am sure you will not think that you are a league & a friend to such. I am those considerations have encouraged me to apply to you for information. I wish to meet all men on the "Savannah". I am persecuted by the Rebels for doing that which I believe was my duty right so I will state the case to you as it was.

I served in the Federal Army two years. I belonged to the 11th Indiana Cav 12 years one year I was a spy during this time I was hunted like the deer with hounds and men I had to live in the hills and caves and was shot at on every corner by the D. Rebels for these facts you can enquire of all my neighbors. I will state the case they are trying to kill me for.

There was a Reb that lived near me by the name of Phillips he was trying to kill me on every corner threatening my life calling me a news carrier to the Federals and beating all Union Women that opened their heads to him. I was returning home from carrying a dispatch to Col. Straight just before he was captured.

near Rome. I was hungry and weary had walked 43 miles that day I had to pass my brother-in-law before getting home. I thought I would stop and get some bread the sun being a hour high I had to slip like a fox and goose. the Rebel Cavalry were hunting me on all sides. on nearing the house I saw my sister coming to the door. I stopped before I had time to make myself known to her. I saw this same Phillips approaching. I stood still thinking he would pass on, but he struck up a quarrel with my sister about my brother-in-law. When she asked him what he wanted with the gun he replied he wanted to kill Bryant. When she says Phillips supposing I was to kill Bryant he would kill you the first sight. then he said God damn you I won't leave life in you to tell him and stepped back to a pile of old lumber and took up a something about 8 feet long and went up to her where she was sleeping milking and made a lick at her but the timber being longer than he imagined the cow caught part of the blow but he raised it quickly to repeat the blow but I shot him down before he made the second lick. they, neither, knew I was in a hundred miles, it seemed that it was the will of him that rules all things that I should be there and you I don't want only one thing that is I wish that shot had killed every Rebel in the U. S. They got a grand jury of Rebels the thieves and murderers of the Women and Children and they found a true bill against me and last Court I was not able to get there and the sun a forfeit against me. So now I wish your advice if you please Sir. what I have stated to you I can prove by good witnesses. there is not a loyal man in the County that is acquainted with the circumstances but would of done the same

thing. the most of the rebel Saps I done right. So now I speak to you as a federal Officer for protection by seeing I will ever feel grateful to you. Drop me a line directing me what to do to manage the case I can make all proof necessary so I will close in hopes of hearing from you soon.

Yours Truly,
S. C. Casen
Huntsville Ala.

Mount Pleasant Oct 9th 1867.
Garrison W. C.
So you see I alter.

Yours of 21 Sept has just come to hand and I hasten to reply. I feel relieved of a heavy burden by Gen. Swaggers order, but feel sorry for the freedmen for they have had, as good as no protection heretofore, but fear deterred the Rebels from doing as we wished but when they find that some out of their way they will do as they please. If the Economy is the object of the authorities they had better remove General Swaggers as he has never been any use to the State where yourself and others have asked him to do what they say is his duty he treats with silent contempt those Rebels disfranchised officers can stay in office contrary to law, and pack juries for the purpose of oppressing loyal men of both colors and protect the rebels from all prosecution for any offence. I have been sick for six weeks so that I have not been able to do anything. But will come to Huntsville as soon as I can feel able to ride that far. Let me thank you for your kindness as my superior officer and give you my warmest feeling as a true friend.

W. L. Garrison

Stonewall Ala. Oct 25 1867

George W. A.
 Dr. Geo. W. A. Ballis
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your circular of the 23rd of
 hand will you please be so kind as to send me a copy of
 the receipt given for the last lot of corn. The receipt was
 signed in blank before I recd the corn.

I received 269 bushels and suppose the receipt was
 filled up accordingly.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
 W. A. George.

Decatur Ala. Oct 25 1867

King W. G.
 Dr. Geo. W. A. Ballis

I ear Sir:

The lumber men are
 very particular about having the Federal Receipt
 for the lumber. before they will deliver it. It will cost
 about \$265⁰⁰ how soon do you think it will be forth
 coming. Would like to hear from you by return mail

Yours Respectfully
 W. G. King

Quartermaster General's Office
 Washington D. C. Oct 27 1867

Thomas W. A.
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 W. A. George.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and Enclosure.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 W. A. George
 Sub-Asst. Commissioner

Recd (in Dist of Alabama)
Bureau Bureau A.D.
At Montgomery Ala Oct 26 1867

Wensman G.
St. Aug Geo & Co. Quills
Our Asst. Commissioner
Montville Alabama.

Enclose herewith the discharge of Willis Brannon
late private No 10 12 U.S.C. whose claim against
the Govt for bounty is allowed and the amount five
hundred and twenty nine dollars and eighty cents
(\$229.80) is in the hands of the Chief Dis. Officer of this
Bureau for remittance to him.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication
and enclosure.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Sherman
Asst. Commissioner

War Department Bureau A.D.
Office Chief Dis Officer Washington Oct 26 1867

Blacklock Geo. H.
St. Aug Geo & Co. Quills.

I send you herewith draft
No 10 on St. A. for \$223.80 to pay bounty due
Judal Roberts as per vouchers enclosed. Please get
her signature to them and return at your earliest
convenience

I am Respectfully
Geo. H. Blacklock
St Aug Geo & Co.

Recd in Dist of Alabama
Bureau Bureau A.D.
At Montgomery Ala Oct 26 1867

I received your order dated Oct 25
1867 in which you directed me to send the amount of \$100 sent
Wm. C. Sherman on hand and send to friends of later
together with statement of same to care.

I beg leave to report that you will see in reference to
my present report of Wm. C. Sherman that my last issue was
made on the 14th inst upon left on my hands that day
a sack of Wm. C. Sherman is taken & taken that the
destitute families would not take it. It is impossible
to sell it at any price. I have ordered you
may make that is all the Wm. C. Sherman on hand.
A sack of the last of Wm. C. Sherman came into my hands
I will remember that I reported you for 336 sacks
but it has been some time since you have reported for 336 sacks
that amount and I have ordered 336 sacks and when
the rail road agent sent up a receipt to me for me
to "assigne" for three hundred and thirty six sacks
I positively refused to give a receipt for the missing
sacks. He went to the rail road agent and reported
that he had sent it with you. I have ordered 336 sacks
I hope Sir that all may be satisfactory.

Please find enclosed my report of last year issued
having the draft on hand and this report quite
short. I am respectfully that you will have my blanks
filled up for me & much obliged to you. Please find below
one of each class we have drawn in this report.

Men 3. Women 19. Male children 11. Female 18.
Total 51.
P. S. General. May I ask if you please forward my
check for month of September and oblige yr friend
P. S. Oct 28 1867.
General Wallis. This report would be mailed some

but he is taken suddenly ill and am now only able to sit up part of a day. My family are all sick. Will you please hand a check to Judge M. Lewis for my Sept pay & draw that he can draw the money on about mid Oct.

Dear Friend
W. A. Brown.

St. Louis, Mo. Oct 30 1867

Deuce W. A.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir,

I received the receipt yesterday and herewith enclose you statement of coin received from J. A. Donnelly as per statement received from him yesterday.

It seems there has been a mistake somewhere. A. Donnelly told me at the time that the 25¢ backs was all that was left for me. (The 5¢ backs the same) and you furnish me with any evidence that there was more coin left with J. A. Donnelly (St. Louis) for me. Please advise me at your earliest convenience what to do in the matter.

I stand very much in need of money and as there is due me the 1st salary from Govt. it would be very much acceptable.

Respectfully,
W. A. Deuge.

St. Louis Oct 29th

J. A. Donnelly put Two hundred and Seventy (270) Bag Coin on the Wharf boat at St. Louis, Mo. for Capt C. A. Feige.

J. A. Donnelly
for J. A. Donnelly.

Head Quarters District of Columbia

Bureau of Land & Survey

Washington Oct 25th 1867

A. M. M. A. D.
to St. Louis, Mo. & St. Louis, Mo.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Minerals & Land

Friend,

Have the honor to enclose herewith the clearance papers of the following named cleared sections, whose claims against the Government for land claimed as for mineral set apart their respective names and is in the hands of the Chief of Bureau of this Bureau for settlement to them.

William Gordon State Corp	to C. 12 th d. C. A.	\$229.50
Philip Nelson	" " "	229.80
Monroe North	" " " "	229.80
Henry Smith	" " " "	229.80
Joseph C. C.	" " " "	229.80
Charles Drake	" " " "	29.80
John Kelly	" " " "	229.80
Hester C. C.	" " " "	229.80
William Gaston State Major	" " " "	259.20

I have acknowledged receipt of the communication and enclosures.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant
A. K. Kinsman.
Sub Asst Commissioner

Head Quarters Dist. of Alabama
Office U.S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala Oct 28/86

Arthur H. Co.
Sgt. J. H. Walls
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

General

Enclosed herewith
return papers pertaining to Martin & Jones Counties
for connection. Please return them as soon as
possible.

By Order of J. M. Mayfield, Major, Quarters
H. A. Arthur
U.S. Bureau.

Montgomery Ala Oct 28/86

Becher, Edwin
Sgt. J. H. Walls

General

I enclose check no 91 on
New York for \$230.00 in payment of the six Agents named
in your letter and Certificate of the 23rd inst. The
check will have to be closed on the last day of this month
and unless the Certificate of non indebtedness for the
three remaining ones can be furnished by that time
they will have to be paid in vouchers made up on
form 22.

Please advise me of receipt of this

Truly Yours
Edwin Becher

War Department Bureau R. R. Smith & Co.
Alum Division Washington Oct 23/86

Dear Sir,
Sgt. J. H. Walls
Huntsville Ala.

General

I am directed to Major
General A. A. Stewart to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the name of Henry
in the case of the following named discharged colored
soldiers:

Edmund Smith 3rd Co 1st Regt. 20th

U.S. Army

Your obedient servant

J. P. Smith

Washington D.C.

Quartermaster General's Office

Division of Clothing and Equipage

Washington City D.C. Oct 28/86

Per my Order

To Sgt. J. H. Walls & Co.

Sgt. J. H. Walls & Co. Sub. Asst. Com.

Huntsville Alabama

Sir

Your return of clothing
and Camp and Garrison undress sent cal. 7th & 8th Co.
U.S. Army and Sub. Asst. Com. D.A. & A. Sands
for the month of Sept 1886 has been received and examined
at this Office and sent to the Second Auditor of the
Treasury for Settlement.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

By Order of R. M. Smith

Alex. J. Perry

W. Briggs & Co. & Co. & Co.

War. Department, District of Columbia
 1st Division, Washington Oct 23rd 1867

Dear Sir,
 St. Augustine, Fla.
 D. C. C. A. (unintelligible)

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to return to you with papers in the claim for county of Edmunds, Fla. taken from the 1st of Oct. 1867. The application will not be entertained, signatures in mark not having been attested by the written signatures. Attention is invited to the discrepancy in the date of discharge of Applicant from the U. S. Service as stated in his application and discharge.

Please return this letter with papers.

See O. B. 234.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant

A. J. Moore

St. Augustine, Fla.

Duscumbia, Ala. Oct 27th 1867

Presler, A.

St. Augustine, Fla.
 Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir,

How does it come that our Country here is without a Court of who should in the Contracts of the Freedmen and the whites on their farming operations. The time has come when the cotton gets shipped off from home & the freed men cannot make settlement with his employer as he is ignorant of schooling and he how can he go but to a lawyer where it will cost him a big fee. I have seen several books where I was asked to look in to. I found charges in the books just only the number of different kind of meat got by the pound and so mean bushel of corn and so on hay &c. and found as price from the good which was delivered to the freedmen

at the different times through the year & the different prices also how can the freedmen and get some price to make to settle their books.

Yesterday a negroe named Ellen Saffley who works with Mr. Rand fetched a bale of that is his cotton & he will settle with Mr. Rand what little he owes him. he taken from me on his cotton Bales. When getting ready to ship him to the amount of 2d dollar. This morning he come to Mr. Rand to me a charging for what he had to buy the cotton of his negroe from plantation & he paid me to buy away more from the freedmen from his farm & that I was to hear these words from Peter when I pay the last I think more from my store & goods to visit a year than the freedmen. Furthermore he said he has been on all the cotton and corn of the said Ellen Saffley. Cold if he has. has not the said Ellen Saffley to ship his cotton & pay said Rand at the end of the year. his rent for the land and provision which he got of Rand and to get a good market for his cotton & get a clear showing what his cotton has fetched. & not to be sent off as different freedmen have been sent off from different plantations last year without a receipt and who is told they are still yet. he whom could they go & make complaint & could get settlement to men where they found themselves safe enough to make complaint. I understood that the freed men of this County have applied to Gen. Pope with a petition for Mr. A. B. Collins as a man whose they could trust in him only they need the man as soon as possible. I will hold to the cotton as long as I can unless I am forced to give it up by the advice of Mr. Bingham to hold to the cotton. I hoping that you will take prompt action to the behalf of the freedmen in our Section of Country.

See O. B. 234.

I remain your old St.

A. Presler

Headquarters Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Oct 20th 1867.

Friendman C. D.
St. Brig Gen & J. D. Wallis
Sub Asst Commissioners
Milledgeville Ala.

General:

Referring to communication
of the 2nd Sept from St. Brig Gen. S. D. Smith Sub Asst Com.
at Milledgeville Ala. relative to the claim for bounty of St. Warren
Private Co. 11th U.S. Col. which claim was forwarded by you
on Sept 15 1866. I have the honor to state that Major
Smith's communication has been received back from Washington
with the following endorsement and has been returned to
the Asst Comd. For it is:

Was received DC Oct 22nd 1867.

Respectfully returned to Asst. Comd. Gen. Ala. with the
information that the claim of the within named man was
filed in the office of the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury
adjustment Dec 11th and receipt acknowledged by 2nd
auditor April 5th 1867.

The claim is awaiting claim for settlement.

See LR 1341. S.

E. B. 2221.

By Order of Major Gen. Howard Comd.
Signed A. P. Howe.
St. Brig Gen U.S.A.

Very Respectfully Yr Asst. Servant
C. D. Friendman
Sub Asst Comd.

War & Dept Bureau of Land Office Chief Asst Officer
Washington D.C. Oct 21st 1867.

Barlock, Gen. Geo. H.
St. Brig Gen & J. D. Wallis
Milledgeville Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed send you draft to
draft on Friedman Savings Trust Co. for \$690.60 to pay
the following claimants:

Samuel Washington	11 th U.S. Col.	\$230.20
John Washington	"	\$230.20
Shadrach Washington	"	\$230.20
Total		\$690.60

You will please send the enclosed vouchers signed and
returned to me.

Very Respectfully,
Gen. Fredrick Smith
Asst. Secy. of War
Washington D.C.

War & Dept Bureau of Land Office Chief Asst Officer
Washington D.C. Nov 1st 1867.

Barlock, Gen. Geo. H.
St. Brig Gen & J. D. Wallis
Milledgeville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose you draft to \$97.
on 2nd U.S. Col. for 4 1/2 yrs to pay bounty due it claim
at Cleveland O. 11th U.S. Col. as per vouchers enclosed.
Please have them signed and returned to me as soon
as convenient.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Barlock
St. Brig Gen & J. D. Wallis.

W. A. C. West of Alabama, D. C. A. S.
 Chief Superintendent of Education
 Montgomery, Ala. Oct 31/86

Buckley, W. H.
 P. O. Box 100, Macon,
 Ga. Oct 11/86
 Huntsville, Ala.

General.

I received your mail of the 10th inst. containing reports for Dist. Super. Monitors and 15 copies of books for Teachers - which the Asst. Commissioner desires distributed to the teachers of the different counties in your district. I have instructions to them to make report to this office.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. A. C. West

Chief Superintendent of Education

W. A. C. West of Alabama, D. C. A. S.
 Montgomery, Ala. Oct 31/86

Buckley, W. H.
 P. O. Box 100, Macon,
 Ga. Huntsville, Ala.

General.

Rev. J. D. Parrell of Pittsburg writes me that about the 10th inst. he sent for your approval a set of Teachers for the payment of rent of School house owned by H. Steel and occupied by Miss Hindman the past year. I am ready to pay the rent of the building, provided you think the expenditure a just one.

Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. A. C. West

Chief Superintendent of Education

St. Lawrence, Ala. Dec 2/86

Winge, C. A.

St. Lawrence, Ala.

Monticello, Ala.

Sir:

Your favor of 27th ult. came to hand yesterday containing a check for \$100.00 in payment of salary for the month of August. For which I accept thanks.

I issued out the same amount, and got 100.00 in cash (showing the receipt of the same from the St. Lawrence) as he returns none from the note which was 27.00. I signed receipts in blank.

C. A. Winge

St. Lawrence, Ala. Dec 2/86

Nicholas, Wm.

St. Lawrence, Ala.

Dear Sir:

W. A. C. West in this place where family have during the time true to the Union cause, and Mrs. W. A. C. West had a son George West, taken some 4 years ago next spring by Thomas Patterson who lived at Monticello, Ala. She was using him as a servant at St. Lawrence at that time. The Patterson took her horse on the plea that she was going to the bank.

Mrs. W. A. C. West says that she learned that the Patterson had the horse. If you can do anything about the recovery of her horse please write to me and Mrs. W. A. C. West will come to Monticello with proof.

Yours respectfully

James Nicholas

Montgomery Ala. Nov 3 1867

James H. A.
S. A. French.
2nd Auditor Treasury Dept.
Washington D. C.

Dr Sir:

I have on file in your office a
Application of Louis Armstrong late Private U. S. Army
d. S. Col. 1st Infantry. The said Application of the said
Armstrong will from this day be under the control of the
"Freedmen's Bureau" during his temporary absence
from the service.

Your obedient servant
J. H. A.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 2nd 1867

Beecher Edmund
St. Louis Mo. S. C. A.

General:

I return the vouchers of D. Deshler
By Dec 25. per page 20. Bureau Manual. you will see a party
cannot be seen by his Agent except in certain specified cases
unless he is authorized by power of Attorney. in which case
the power must accompany the voucher. This latter clause
is not in the manual but is the universal practice in the Dept.
at Washington & is according to our instructions.

Truly Yours
Edwin Beecher

Nov. 9. 1867. S. A. French. Chief of Office
Washington D. C. Nov 11 1867

Baillock Geo. Scott.
St. Louis Mo. S. C. A.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you draft No 104.
on St. Louis Mo. for \$489.40 payable following claimants whose
vouchers are enclosed. Please get them signed and return at
your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Baillock.
St. Louis Mo. S. C. A.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 4. 1867

Arthur H. A.
St. Louis Mo. S. C. A.
General:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your
communication of Oct 31st transmitting Reports of Saunders
& Jackson Co's and returning papers pertaining to Maun
& Jones Co's

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. A. Arthur
Montgomery Ala.

Sustenance of the paupers of the County without regard to color, has been the subject of my most anxious consideration as also, that of the Court over which I have the honor to preside, and it is a matter of profound regret both to myself and to the Court that after a careful and strict examination into the finances of the County we find ourselves wholly unable to provide for, and take care of those already committed to our charge.

If I could by any proper and evasive place the County in a condition I am unable to render it able to comply with your order. I would gladly do so, but I find it entirely unable to make the current and necessary expenses adequately incurred on behalf of the poor. I feel it my duty to communicate this fact to you with the hope that you will exert your influence to procure a suspension of the order and thereby to continue the prison made by the U.S. Marshal until for our unfortunate poor.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yours
Jas H. Snuggs
Judge of Probate Court

A.

A special Term of the Commissioners Court of Madison County began and held at the Court House thereof on Monday the 23 day of September 1867. The following members were present viz. James H. Snuggs, Probate Judge, Allen Waller, Dickson Wood, J. M. McLaughlin and Larkin P. Sullivan where the following proceedings were had.

A proposition was submitted from Gen J. B. Waller Chief of Freedman Bureau proposing to turn over to the County the Hospital situated at the City of Mountville together with the Hospital Store &c with the further proposition to furnish the inmates of said Hospital with rations until the first day of

November next: Whereupon it was ordered by the Court that James H. Snuggs presiding Judge of this Court be requested to say in reply to the above and foregoing proposition that the County is willing to receive and provide for such inmates of said Hospital as are citizens of this County provided that they will at the same time turn over to the County a proportion of the Hospital Store &c according to number &c.

James H. Snuggs
Probate Judge

St. Louis, Mo. 10th Sept.

Wm. C. Hyde

to Gen. J. B. Waller
Washington D.C.

was requested by Robt. H. Addison
to ask your assistance in obtaining his money after his claim thereon was won awarded by the Government at Washington through the agency of Messrs Rogers & Sedwick of Memphis Tenn. and advise him that no "certificate" has been forwarded to him from Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully Yours &c
Wm. C. Hyde.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 6th 1867.

Beecher, Edwin
To General J. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

General.

I enclose \$218.42 in payment of your salary for October 1867. It is not sufficient to cover the payment on a copy of the order.

I also send you my check No 95 on New York in your favor for \$492.50 in payment of your account current for October (except the salary of Dr. Bates) and a postage account of Dr. Bates. & Dr. Bates as it is expected Dr. Bates will go out of service in a few days the Chief Surgeon will not approve his accounts and Dr. Bates will not until a final settlement of his (Dr. Bates) transactions with the Bureau.

Truly yours

Geo H Ballou

War. Dept. B. R. & S. Office Chief Dis. Officer
Washington D. C. Nov. 7th 1867

Ballock, Geo H.
To St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

The receipted vouchers of Samuel and Henry Cartwright for bounty have been received.

Respectfully Yours

Geo H Ballou

St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis

War. Dept. B. R. & S. Office Chief Dis. Officer
Washington D. C. Nov 8th 1867.

Ballock, Geo H.
To St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I send you draft No. 116. on S. & W. Co. for \$1379.80 to pay the following claimants whose vouchers I enclose. Please get them signed and return as soon as convenient.

Joseph Bell	D. 12	O. 2	229.80
Elias McWhorter B.	12	"	230.20
Eldridge Fletcher B.	12	"	230.20
Wilton Fletcher B.	12	"	230.00
Munroe Ford E.	12	"	229.80
Philip Achlyer E.	12	"	229.80
Total			\$1379.80

Respectfully Yours

Geo H Ballou

St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis

Head. (your Dist. of Ala. Office U. C. S. Bureau)
Montgomery Ala. Nov 8th 1867.

Arthur H. C.
To St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General.

In the accounts of your Sub Dist for July - those for Paine & Cherokee Counties have not been received - Please forward them at your earliest convenience.

By Order of Maj Gen Huger, Swayne.
H. C. Arthur
A. C. S. Bureau.

Montgomery Ala. Aug 7 1867

Becher, Edwin.
to Gen Jm P. Wallis

General.

I sent you yesterday, intended to be \$215.⁴⁵ your pay for October. Among this money, recd at the bank was a \$5 bill of Alabama money, thinking that might not be current with you. I took it out intending to replace it with another. I fear - neglected to do so, but am not certain. If you find on consulting it that it is short please advise me and I will remit the balance.

Truly Yours

Wm H. Tucker.

Florence, Ala.

Hyde, C. C.
to Mr. J. P. Wallis.

Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

As Mr. Lewis has made complaint to you about his freedman, whom it is just to show to furnish you with something evidence on their side. In the first place the said Lewis is an irresponsible person and cannot carry out his contract as you will see from the enclosed copy of one of his contracts (a specimen of the same) he has in fact little complied in the instrument the agreement in this case was for 4 horses or mules and but one was furnished & that very late in the season. The freedman being no show for team after building cabin bought 2 horses and made a pretty fair crop. Considering the said Lewis failed to feed team. The fences were represented by said Lewis to be good, which proved not to be the case. & he the said Lewis made no efforts to have them made good. The result was the most of the corn was destroyed by said Lewis own stock. The gathering of the corn was also delayed by said Lewis failing to furnish wagon notwithstanding

the stock was continually in the corn day and night.

Now Mr. Lewis claims that the said Lewis used good and steady damages are due to him, also that the said Lewis kept up 3 fences but that can say so, and about all that they have made and bring them in his disbursements. I am inclined to think that the said Lewis is "Sinn" upon the entire crop & the freedman, the horses besides to enable him to live provisions in season and the freedman. I would also under think that the said Lewis is a ruler and the freedman being said Lewis is poor there is a bad position.

Very Respectfully Yours &c

Dec. 2. 1867. to 1868

Florence, Ala.

Division of agreement between Mr. Lewis of the first part and Israel McCallough of the second part upon the following consideration to the said Lewis of the first part agree to furnish said team, team, horse, & feed team. The said Israel to furnish his tools and to cultivate twenty five acres of corn here furnished him. The crop to be well cultivated and gathered in due time and for seeding to be the said Israel is to have half of the crop cultivated and gathered by him after deducting the expenses of provisions furnished him at customary prices by the said Lewis of the first part, also the said Israel is to be paid for building cabin to live in estimated in disbursement the said Lewis deducting expenses for furnishing out of agreement given under our hands & seals this Jan 1867.

(Signed) Mr. S. Lewis

Israel McCallough

Supplement to the above.

The said division of crop to be on the premises and the said Israel to sell his part and pay the said Lewis for provisions furnished him the said Israel.

Signed. Mr. S. Lewis

also the said Israel is to have \$5.⁰⁰ each for 2 horses during plow time.

(Copy)

Approved C. A. Neuge agent
"Freedman's Bureau"

Office Agency P. & S. S.
 Census (via. Ala.) 1867.

Danforth Jas.
 In Care of J. S. Watson
 General.

I am glad to enclose you return
 of the last issues of Corn which have been made since the
 1st of Sept. but being taken sick soon after that date
 and being sick ever since must be my excuse for not
 having forwarded the papers sooner. I am now just
 getting able to attend to business.

You will see that this last return shows 1000 lbs
 which is a little in excess of your calculation which may
 have occurred by my measuring the corn in a half bushel.
 The corn was in most excellent order and none of it
 wasted. The drayage and charges for storage I paid out
 of my pocket and it was so small that I made no
 account of it. I shipped you 300 sacks and have the
 other 30 sacks on hand and a few others of the last
 Spring supply but it will be very bad to get them all
 up as they were so badly damaged that the people
 took no care of them. I will find out what I can do if you
 say so and get up all I can of them. If you forward

The residue of my salary send it in money by Express
 and I will pay expenses here.

Very respectfully
 J. Danforth.

Local Ch. of the State of Ala. Office of the
 State of Alabama
 Montgomery Ala. Nov 9th 1867.

Whiting S. J.
 Co. St. Brig. Gen. S. Watts
 Sub. Comm. Commissioner
 Huntsville Ala.

General:

Please find enclosed invoices
 and blank receipts of one copy, issued to the State of Alabama, this
 day shipped you per Southern Express Co. Please return
 signed receipts together with Special Requisition for same
 at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 S. J. Whiting
 Secy & Chief Clerk.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 8 1867.

Sergeant
 Co. St. Brig. Gen. S. Watts

Dear Sir:

Your most respected letter I received
 through Mr. Lewis in respect to the Southern and contract
 I shall not raise in any other case which should
 turn up according to your wish and strictly comply
 with the conditions put down in the Contract. Mr. Lewis
 promised half the crop for the labor to his hands and
 with assistance of the Civil authorities to be able to be
 able to have justice done to both parties.

To be enabled to do anything at all in these matters
 I would most respectfully request you send for written
 authority from your hands since everybody is informed
 of the Suspension of the Bureau & numerous parties
 are taking advantage of the freedmen which comes
 around to complain to me and I can do anything
 for them. There is one case particularly I would like

Adm. Gen. of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Dec 11th 1867.

Friendman O. G.
St. Louis Mo. & Co.
Sub. Post Office Huntsville Ala.

General:

When the new laws
by today's mail copies of General Orders for current series
from Adm. Gen. District of Alabama. These orders must
be at once distributed to all civil officers in your district
to be affected thereby. Acknowledgment for this receipt
by said civil officers must be taken and filed in your
office and prompt report made of number distributing the
same.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
C. O. Friendman
Sub. Post Commissioner

Montgomery Ala. Dec 11th 1867.

Beecher Edwin,
St. Louis Mo. & Co.
Huntsville Ala.

General:

Since I wrote you on the 6th
inst. Dr. Ship has handed me Dr. Pitch's account
approved and I now enclose check No 96 on Tru. Co.
in my favor for \$99.00 in payment.

Sincerely Yours
Edwin Beecher

War Dept. B. R. & A. S. Claims Division
Washington Nov 1st 1867.

Howe A. P.
St. Louis Mo. & Co.
Huntsville Ala.

General:

I am directed by Maj Gen. G.
O. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt
this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the
following named discharged soldiers.

Albert Farmer Co 42 Regt U. S. C. I.
Edmund Payne S. " 101

Very respectfully Your obedient servant
A. P. Howe
St. Louis Mo. & Co.

Tusculum Ala Nov 13th 1867.

Green J. H.
St. Louis Mo. & Co.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your favor 11th inst received & in
reply return the papers with the signature of D. Deshler
in his own hand writing.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. H. Green.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 12th 1867.

Becher, Edwin
To General Jno B. Wallis
Muntville Ala.

General.

Mr. Suchey has handed me
four accounts in favor of R. S. Rust for repairs on School
Houses as follows.

At Decatur \$ 600.

" Durleys Station \$ 100.

" Huntsville \$ 312

\$ 288.

\$ 1500.00.

and requested me to furnish you a check for the amount.

I enclose check No 97 drawn on New York payable
to your order for \$1500. I think he wished you to see to
making proper receipts for the same.

You will please advise me of its receipt.

Truly Yours

Edwin Becher,

Ad. Qrs. Dist of Ala. Office Chf Qr. Mr. B. A. S. S.
Montgomery Ala Nov 6th 1867

Whiting St. S. J.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis

General.

Your monthly accounts
Quartmasters Stores for the month of October 1867. have
been received, examined and forwarded to the Commissioner
Bureau R. S. A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Genl. Hager Swayne
Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. J. Whiting

2nd Lt 45th Reg. Inf. Ala.

State of Alabama.

Ad. Qrs. Dist of Ala. Office Chf Qr. Mr. B. A. S. S.
Montgomery Ala. Nov 6th 1867.

Whiting St. S. J.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis
Muntville Ala.

Dir.

Your monthly accounts C. C. & S. E.
for the month of October 1867 have been received, examined and
forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau R. S. A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Genl. Hager Swayne Comr

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. J. Whiting

2nd Lt 45th Reg. Inf. Ala.

State of Alabama.

Ad. Qrs. Dist of Ala. Office Chf Qr. Mr. B. A. S. S.
Montgomery Ala Nov 6th 1867.

Whiting St. S. J.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis
Muntville Ala.

Dir.

Your monthly accounts Stores pertai-
ning to Bureau for the month of October 1867. have been received,
examined and forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau R.
S. A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Genl. Hager Swayne.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. J. Whiting

2nd Lt 45th Reg. Inf. Ala.

State of Alabama.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama P. M. M.
Montgomery, Ala. Nov. 13 1867

Greene, Capt. A. A. G.
Dr. St. Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis.
M. Huntsville Ala.

General:

The transfer of forage from the Military Quartermasters Department to this Department in the Bureau, having ceased and it being therefore necessary to procure such stores by direct purchase. You are hereby authorized to make such necessary purchases of forage from time to time as may be required for the stock in your charge, not more than fifteen days supply should be kept on hand, as it is expected that arrangements will be made to dispose of all stock at places where the Bureau Hospitals are transferred to the Civil authorities.

Purchases under this letter will be paid on presentation of the proper vouchers to St. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher, Dist. Officer.

By Order of
St. Major General. Hager, Swaine
E. C. Green
Capt 24th Infantry
St. Major A. A. G.

Bellefonte Ala. Nov 15th 1867.

Brown Milton P.
Dr. Gen. J. B. Wallis.
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your Circular letter of the 14th inst enclosing 5 fine copies of General Orders No 13. from H. Q. Dist of Alabama, dated Nov 4th 1867.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
Milton P. Brown
Judge of Probate.

Office Probate Judge.
Huntsville Ala. Nov 15th 1867

Dr. Major J. B. Wallis.
Dr. Gen. J. B. Wallis.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 5 copies of General Orders No 13, which I shall be instructed to the various County Officials as directed.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
Jas H. Scruggs
Probate Judge.

Mooreville Ala. Nov 18 1867.

Callam C. S.
St. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
Sub Asst Commissioner &c.

Dir:

I am requested to state to you the following testimony of Jno Dierick (Col^d) concerning the difficulty between him and the Houston in the division of their crops. The former saw you in your office last Thursday and since endeavored to ship the cotton as ordered by you to enable him to pay Houston the amount due him for rations &c. The latter Houston agreed in my presence to that agreement but afterwards refused to let the cotton go except upon conditions prescribed by him. Today John Denning appeared here and states that Mr Houston brought Mr Dauforth on the plantation and he proposed to settle the matter to the entire satisfaction of Mr Houston but not at all so to that of the second party or parties and contrary to your plan.

The negroes can do nothing here under General Orders 13. Just now as the magistrate is unable on account of sickness to transact business can do nothing either towards suing for damages on corn for same reason.

I omitted to mention that in the settlement proposed by Mr Dauforth the parties used some words that were not agreeable and John Denning says. David Houston struck him with a shovel, which implement he wrenched from him and returned the blow. Houston then drew a shot gun on him but was prevented using it. This seems to be a bad case. That shall be done in the premises.

Very respectfully &c
C. S. Callam

Frankfort Ala. Nov 18 1867.

Anderson S. S.
St. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis

Dear Sir:

I enclose 3 copies of General Orders No 13. as soon as I can distribute copies to the different officers in my County I will send you receipts.

Respectfully &c
S. S. Anderson.
per C. S. Mordy &c

Per Dept. of War U.S. Office Chief Dis Officer
Washington D.C. Nov 18 1867.

Ballock Sam Rusk
St. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
Mooreville Ala

Dir:

I send you draft no 1144 on S. S. & Co for \$439.62 to pay bounty due.

Auslin Otis
Henry Parks

229. 80

229. 80.

Respectfully Yours

Geo. H. Ballock

St. Brig Gen & Chf D.O.

Received of St. Brig Gen Jno B. Callis Mooreville Ala. five copies Genl Orders No 13. from Montgomery Ala.
Athens Ala. Nov 18 1867.

Jno B. McCallum
Probate Judge.
Simmons Co. Ala.

Stonice, Ala. Nov. 19th 1867.

Walston, Jno.
To Gen. Jno. B. Wallis
Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt five Copies of General Orders No 13. dated Dec. 9th 1867. which I have handed to the following officers: John A. Thompson Clerk of Ct. Court. B. F. Watson. Andrew Davis. Joseph Evans. J. L. Drow Justices of the Peace. retaining one copy for this office. I will at once issue certified Copies to all Justices of the Peace in this County.

Will send acknowledgements of receipt of the different officers of a copy as above as soon as receipt thereof is acknowledged to me.

Respectfully Yours &c.

John Walston
Probate Judge.
Sauderdale County, Ala.

McDonald, J. H.
To Gen. Jno. B. Wallis
Moulton Lawrence Co. Ala.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of 5 Copies of General Orders No 13. of date Nov 9th 1867. I will immediately transmit these and manuscript Copies of the same to the several officers of the County and forward their receipts to you so soon as they can be obtained.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant
J. H. McDonald.
J. P. Co.

Decatur, Ala. Nov 20th 1867.

Hyde, W. H.
To B. H. Bugbee Jno. B. Wallis
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:

I have this day expressed to your address at Huntsville Ala. twenty five Dollars & fifty cents the amount that I sold the small remnant of Government Corn that I had on hand at this place. Your letter and order of 23rd Oct 67th was 14 days before I received it owing to the uncertainty of mails to Huntsville.

General I feel under many obligations to you for the patient & courteous manner that you have treated me & my County and I assure you have the most grateful thanks of the People of Winston County for your treatment to the poor and destitute of my County for without aid many poor widows and children would have most assuredly starved to death.

Now we are blessed with most wonderful crops in the mountains of Alabama.

Yours Respectfully &c
W. H. Hyde.

W. A. Q. R. Dist of Alabama Office A. C. S. Bureau.
Montgomery Ala. Nov 19th 1867.

Arthur, W. H.
To Gen. Jno. B. Wallis
General.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of 16th inst transmitting report of issues of Corn in County of Simons for month of Sept 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. H. Arthur
A. C. S. Bureau

War. Dept. RR & A.S. Claim Division
Washington Nov 14th 1867.

Howe A.P.
St. Brig General Jno B. Ballis
S.A.C. Huntsville, Ala.

General:

I am directed by Maj General O. O. Howard Com^r
to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the
claim for bounty in the case of the following named
discharged soldiers

Samuel Sacey Co. 42nd Regt U.S.C. I.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A.P. Howe
St. Maj Gen U.S.A.

Decatur Ala. Nov 20th 1867.

Hyde W. H.
St. Gen Jno B. Ballis.

Dear Sir:

After my respects to Sir please
find herewith twenty five dollars & fifty cents the amount
that I sold the small lot of corn for that I had on
hand after an effort for five days to sell. This was the best
I could do owing to the scarcity of money in the country and
the splendid crops made here. Everything is very low. Your
letter of the 23rd Oct was 14 days before I received it will
come to see you soon Gen if any money comes to you for
my service please Express it to me in care of Wm M^r
Donald. Courtland Ala. and oblige
W. H. Hyde.

War Dept RR & A.S. Office Chf. Qr. Mr.
Washington Nov 18th 1867.

Whittelsey Gen Henry M.
St. Brig Gen Jno B. Ballis
Sub Asst Com^r Huntsville Ala.
Sir:

Your Monthly Account, Quartermaster's Stores and Clothing and
Camp and Garrison Equipage. Q. M. Department for the month of
October 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to
St. Major General H. H. Hoist. Quartermaster General U.S. Army.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commissioner
Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittelsey
Chf. Qr. Mr. RR & A.S.

War Dept. RR & A.S. Claim Division
Washington Nov 13th 1867.

Howe Gen A.P.
St. Brig Gen Jno B. Ballis
S.A.C. Huntsville Ala
General:

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard Commissioner
to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for
bounty in the case of the following named discharged soldiers

Hamilton Russell Det 12th Regt U.S.C. I.
Philip Bradford " 17 " " " "

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A.P. Howe
St. Maj Gen U.S.A.

Head Quarter District of Alabama
Office Chief of Mr. Bureau of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Nov 21st 1867.

Whiting Lt. Z. J.
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis.
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.

General:

You will please forward to this office at once. Specimen
Requisition for one "Revised Code of Ala." transferred to you
on 10th inst as requested in my communication of that date.

Very respectfully,

Z. J. Whiting
Lt 45th Infy & Chf Q. M.

Huntsville Ala. Nov 23rd 1867.

McCullough A. W.
To General J. B. Hallis.

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by the
Pa. Branch of the W. F. Commission to make application through
you for the payment of the rent of the house occupied by us for
School purposes. The rent is ten dollars per month.

Yours Truly,

A. W. McCullough

Huntsville Nov 15 1867.

Samueline D. L.
To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Hallis.
Huntsville Ala.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter after being on the way 17 days. I shall proceed
to comply with your request, will sell the Corn. that is to say
what I have not sold. I have sold a lot of one hundred and
forty sacks and I saw go to Rome. Will sell the balance
and forward you the funds with statement. I forwarded
you about the 15th of Oct a consolidated report of the Corn
issued in Beane Co and about a week ago send you the
Sneels No 2 containing original list of names and General
You will see by them I have had I hope send
they will all be found satisfactory though ought as maybe
I have done the best I could under the circumstances
but few men was willing to take hold of the matter, will
you do me the honor to write me and let me know if all is
right.

I have the honor to be Gen
Very respectfully Yr^{ts} Servant
D. C. Samueline.

Wincinnate Nov 21st 1867.

Rust R. S.
To Gen J. B. Hallis.

Dear Sir:

Your draft for three hundred dollars for
money advanced on school. Shows at Huntsville and Decatur have
been received. Accept my thanks. Push on the repairs and encourage
the teachers in their vigorous work and great success attend your
efforts in reconstruction. You did not send the article
on Gen Swaine.

Respectfully Yours
R. S. Rust.

Stevenson (the) 22nd 1867

Nichols James
To Gen. Jno. B. Wallis

Dear Sir,

A few weeks since I wrote inquiring if you could take any action in receiving a horse for Mrs Sarah Owen, but received no reply. If you can take any action in the case, she has another horse, near here which she can identify. Please write if you will do anything for her & oblige

James Nichols

W. Courtland (the) Nov 23 1867

Raker Joseph W.
To Gen. Jno. B. Wallis

Dear Sir,

I understood that there is now no Agent of the Freedman's Bureau in this County - Whilst C.C. Garrow was Agent. I transacted business for him at this point and there are some cases arising here that might require an Agent or some one who can with the sanction of the Department

Now frequently called upon by the Freedman's Agents and to settle claims and to act for them as Agent in receipt of bounty money &c. By the present law the money has to come through the hands of a Bureau Agent. and by the request I write to you to know if I can act in that capacity for this purpose.

Very respectfully
Joseph W. Raker

Jones Isaac (the) Nov 27th 1867

Moore W. H.
To Col. Jno. B. Wallis

Dear Sir,

I have been informed by a Colored Lady that you have a hospital in your charge for the accommodation of the sick that are not able to take care of themselves if I heard Sir you will do me a kind favor by letting myself & wife come under the protection of your hospital until we can get well and able to earn a subsistence for ourselves as neither of us can work to earn bread. My wife has been confined to her bed for nearly six months. She is reduced to a mere skeleton and we can't get any nourishing food down here on those cotton farms for a sick person to live upon and if I can't get my wife to where she can have good medical treatment, I shall lose her and that before this winter is gone. my case is not so bad I have ulcer of the bone on my left leg just above the ankle joint that prevents my working only a few days at a time. I have to stop 3 or 4 weeks at a time again.

Now if you can do anything for the suffering please do it right away as we are in a suffering condition and dependant upon the citizens in our County who have done about all they can do for us as they are mostly colored people and not able to do themselves justice. we are staying for a while with a gentleman by the name of Mr M. M. Wright near Jones Lane 15 miles below Huntsville on M & C R.R.

Yours &c
W. H. Moore.

Office Judge of Probate
Morgan County Alabama.
Cottrellville Nov 19th 1867.

Charlton Geo. P.
To Gen Jno. B. Callis.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of five copies of General Order No 13. dated
Head Qrs Dist of Ala. Montgomery Ala Nov 9th 1867.
Respectfully re
Geo. P. Charlton J.P.C.

Centre Ala Nov 20th 1867.

S. J. Staudifer
To Gen Jno B. Callis.

Sir: Yours 14th Nov came to hand last
mail with copies of Order No 13. for distribution to the officers
of the County. I will strictly comply with your order
But there are so few Freedmen in this County and the
people trust them so kindly. that I do not apprehend
that there will be any difficulty on that Subject.

Your obedient Servant
Simon J. Staudifer
Judge of Probate

Shuttsville Ala. Nov 22nd 1867.

May W. T.
To Gen Jno. B. Callis.

Sir: I have just received your Circular
letter of 14th inst containing Genl Order No. 13. I have
handed one copy to the Circuit Clerk and to the Sheriff
One to the County Treasurer and one to the Tax Assessor
I have not seen the other officers of the County yet. but at
my earliest convenience I will hand to each one a copy
Very Respectfully, W. T. May.
W. T. May, P. J. Morgan

Houston Ala. Nov 23rd 1867.

Baughen Peyton
To Gen Jno. B. Callis.

Received of Jno. B. Callis Esq. Genl
Sub Asst. Commr five copies of General Order No 13. dated
Head Qrs Dist of Alabama. Montgomery Ala Nov 9th
1867. Received on 21st inst and returned on 23rd. I have not
yet distributed them to County officers but will as soon
as is convenient

Yours with respect.
Peyton Baughen
J. P. C.

Head Qrs Dist of Alabama.
Office A. C. S. Bureau.
Montgomery Ala Nov 26/67

Arthur M. G.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: Please forward to this office without delay "accounts
sales of all Corn and Bacon sold together with Invoices
and receipts, and transmit the funds received
therefrom to Col. Edmund Becker. Put these to credit of
my credit.

By Order of Bt Maj Gen Wager Swaine
W. H. Arthur
A. C. S. Bureau.

War Dept. R. F. V. U. S. Office of S. O.
Washington D. C. Nov 25 1867

Ballock, Geo. B. R.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Wallis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Sir: I send you draft on B. & F. Co for \$219.³⁰ to pay bounty
due Harry Kelley, E. 12th U. S. C. D. 219.³⁰
You will please have the enclosed vouchers signed
and returned to me.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo W Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & S. A. C.

War Dept. R. F. V. U. S. Office of S. O. Mr.
Washington D. C. Nov 23 1867

Whittlesey, Henry M.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Wallis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Sir: Your Property Account Stories
pertaining to Bureau R. F. V. U. S. for the month of October 1867
has been received examined and forwarded to Third
Auditor of the Treasury for final evaluation and settlement
By Order of Major C. C. Howard, Commissioner,
Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant.
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf of Mr R. F. V. U. S.

Huntsville Ala Sept 18.

Turner, Mauda.
To Jno Turner Esq.
C. H. Orange Co. Va.

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you where
I am now I am well & hardy I send my respects to you
and all enquiring friends. I want you to send after
me and the children they have all got the Chills. We will
work for our passage to you if it takes two years if you
will please be so kind as to do as I ask you to do. I
am looking after a letter you on or about one week or so
to hear your decision. I got a little boy with me whom is
Motherless and says that if you take him too he will
work for you. I am going to send the two children out to
pick Cotton tomorrow. untill I hear or get a letter from
you. If you come to Huntsville when you get off of
the Car. proceed down Church Street at the west end
of the Depot. My house is the 13th from the Depot right
hand side. & South of the depot. Please write or come
immediately. Yourself. if you come I will beat the depot to meet you.

Montgomery Ala. Nov 25th 1867

Beecher Edwin
To General J.B. Wallis
Milledgeville Ala.

Enclose check no 99 on New York in
favor of David Deshler or order for \$25.00 in payment of his account
for rent of Store House.

Very respectfully
Edwin Beecher.

Sauferd Sarah.
To Gen J.B. Wallis.

Auburn Ala. Nov 18th 1867.

I have written to you about that money
several times and yet have heard nothing. I want you to write
to me and tell me whether I must expect to get it or not.
I expect to leave where I am living now about Christmas
and want the money before then if I am going to get it at
all. You will do me a great favor by writing to me im-
mediately

Such as for Sarah Sauferd.

Quartermaster General's Office.
Division of Clothing and Equipage
Washington City D.C.
November 27. 1867.

Perry Alex. J.
To Lt. Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis.
Lieut Col 7th V.R. Co.
Milledgeville Alabama.

Sir:

Your return of Clothing and
Camp and Garrison Equipage issued as Lieut Col
Sub Asst Comr Bureau of Refugee Freedmen and Aband-
oned Soulds. District Northern Alabama. for the month
of October 1867. has been received and examined at this office,
and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully Your obedient Servant
By Order of the Quartermaster General
Alex. J. Perry
Lt Brig Gen. and
Col 7th V.R. Co.

Rome Ga. Nov 28th 1867.

Pinebluff D.C.

To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis.

General:

I have the honor to inform you that I saw this place for the purpose of looking after the Corn in store at this place. I find it in an awful condition. Scattered and the rats having eaten the sacks in holes as large as my head. I had to sack a portion of it I send you two hundred dollars of the proceeds and as soon as I can return home will make you out a full statement of the amount and expenses of selling. The Government has 8 Bbls of Pork in the warehouse at Sads den & also about twenty Boxes of Bread, what will be done with it. It was sent there for DeKalb Co. for your use and held for freight and storage. I have the honor to be

Yours Obedt Servant

D.C. Pinebluff

P.S. Let me know what the Govt allows me for my trouble.

Pinebluff Ala. Dec 2nd 1867.

Green J.N.

To Gen Jno B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

Your note 30th Ultimo recd this morning enclosing Check in favor of D. Dushler for \$25. Enclosed please find Dushler's receipt for same.

Yours respectfully,

J. N. Green

Pinebluff Dec 2nd 1867.

Received of J. N. Green agt &c Check No 99. on our Treasurer New York for twenty five dollars being the amount due for rent of Store House used for storing rations for the destitute of Franklin & other Counties in Nor. Ala
David Dushler

War Dept B.R. & A.S. Office Chf Dis. Officer,
Washington D.C. Nov 30th 1867.

Ballock Gen Geo. H.

To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis.

Muntsville Ala.

Sir

I send you draft on F.B. & Co. for \$229.⁵⁰ to pay bounty due Gilbert Golden E 12th USC \$229.⁵⁰ You will please have the Enclosed Vouchers signed by the Claimant and returned to me.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant

Geo. H. Ballock

Bt Brig Gen & Chf D. O.

War Dept B. & A.S. Office Chf D. O.
Washington D.C. Dec 2 1867.

Ballock Gen Geo. H.

To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis

Muntsville Ala.

Sir:

I send you draft on F.B. & Co. for \$215.⁵⁰ to pay bounty due.

Robt M. Eddleton M. 3rd U.S. C. & A. A.

\$215.⁵⁰

You will please have the enclosed vouchers signed by the Claimant and return to me.

I am Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant

Geo. H. Ballock

Bt Brig Gen & Chf D. O.

Quartermaster's Office U. S. A.
 Nashville Tennessee Dec 2nd 1867.

Moore J.
 At St. Paul, Ind. B. L. Ellis.
 Sub. Asst. Commissioner re:
 Huntsville Alabama.

General:

Enclosed please find
 Cheque on the National Park Bank of New York for Two
 hundred and twenty three ⁷⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$223⁷⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars amount of Com-
 mutation of Fuel and Quarters for months of August, September and
 October 1867.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,
 Major Q. M.

At St. Paul U. S. A.

DeKalb County Ala. Nov 29th 1867.

Gilbreath M. Ch.
 At St. Paul, Ind. B. L. Ellis.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of asking you that
 Captain J. R. Johnson of the Steamer Kingston be permitted to
 place in my hands fifty sacks of Corn in lieu of the fifty sacks
 that you hold him responsible for, he will deliver the Corn to
 me at Sarkins Landing and I can make sale of the same at one
 dollar per sack. If you will permit him to do that, you will
 please let me hear from you by the first mail. address me at
 Coffeytown via Scottsboro.

Your Obedient Servant
 M. M. Gilbreath agree

Bridgeport Ala. Dec 3 1867.

Gilbreath M. Ch.
 At St. Paul, Ind. B. L. Ellis.

Sir:

The colored men of this vicinity have
 no protection of any value our constable here has lived, and
 colored Ladies got vessels and every article she possessed leaving
 her children without food although the State allows an exemption
 to every family amounting to five times the property she had.

As you are their protector, I would call your attention
 with due diligence to their condition. You can at any time
 Command my services in doing justice to them. please let
 us have a line from you at your next convenient opportunity. I take
 this liberty of addressing you in my brother's letter.

Respectfully &c

J. D. Gilbreath
 W. M. Sherry.

Merrierville Ala. Dec 2nd 1867.

Thurlow Silas
 To St. Paul, Ind. B. L. Ellis.

Dear Sir:

I have some men working for
 me that were soldiers and laid their claims for bounty with
 Charley Deal of your place they are very anxious about them
 you will please inform me what has been done about them.
 The names of the men are Noah Hughes, Hyman
 Mathews, Arthur Mathews, Wash Mathews, belonging to
 the 13 U. S. Col. These claim has been in for nearly two
 years.

Yours Truly
 Silas Thurlow
 for S.

War. Dept O. R. A. & G. Claims Sec
Washington D. C. Nov 29th 1867

Drew W. P.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General.

I am directed by Maj Gen
O. O. Howard Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt
this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of
the following named discharged soldiers
Jno Milton D. Co 44th Regt U. S. C. I

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
William P. Drew.

Huntsville Nov 26th 1867.

Moore J. W.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of five copies of General Order No 13, dated H. A.
Quarters District of Alabama Montgomery Ala
Nov 9th 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. W. Moore
Judge Blount Co.

Gadsden Ala.
Nov 28th 1867

Hamlin S. C.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis
Gen

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of five copies of Gen Order No 13, dated H. A.
Quarters Dist. Ala. Montgomery, Ala Nov 9th 1867
and will forward the acknowledgment of the different
officers as soon as practicable.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. C. Hamlin
Judge Probate Bain. Co.

Montgomery Ala. Dec 5th 1867.

Becher Edwin
To Gen Jno B. Wallis
Huntsville Ala.

General.

I enclose herewith check
on New York in payment of Nov vouchers as follows
No 102 to Dr Fitch for Salary & Postage \$100.67
" 103 to Yourself in payment of account amount 528.81
less vouchers to Dr Fitch
I am out of funds for Pay Department but will have
money by first of next week

Respectfully
Edwin Becher

Montgomery Ala.
Dec 5 1867.

Becher Edwin
To Gen Geo B. Callis.

You will see that the marks are not made
to the signatures on the Hospital Receipt Roll. Please have
it done and return to me as soon as practicable.

Respectfully
Edwin Becher.

War Dept. B. R. A. S. Claim Division
Washington D. C. Dec 2 1867.

Fowler W.
Agent in Charge Div
To B. R. A. S. Gen Geo B. Callis
General:

I am directed by Maj
Gen O. C. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt
this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of
the following named discharged soldiers

Burrell Anderson	Co. 12 th Regt U. S. C. I.
Major Driscoll	" 110 " " " " "
George Fletcher	" 17 " " " " "
Saml Edmonds	" 42 " " " " "
Wm Berry	" 44 " " " " "
George Ford	" " " " " " "
Jack Cartwright	" 15 " " " " "
Solomon Cartwright	" 15 " " " " "
Nick Cartwright	" 15 " " " " "
Henry Lee	" 15 " " " " "
Richard Fletcher	" 17 " " " " "

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm Fowler
Agt in Charge Div

Glassie D. W.
To Agent Bureau B. R. A. S.
Montgomery Ala.

Nashville Tenn. Dec 6 67

Some time last spring I mailed
to the Bureau Agent at your place, a claim for \$45.00
in favor of Isaac Olden Col. of this City against the
Estate of Dr. Sheffey.

Will you do him the kindness to look over your
old files and see if the papers are not in your possession
Mr Olden is very much in need of money and is
constantly boring me about his money.

Respectfully
D. W. Glassie.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
Office Surgeon in Chief B. R. A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 4 67

Kipp Chas J.
To Asst Surgeon in Charge
Hospital
Div:

With a view to give practical
effect to the instructions of the Chief Medical Officer, urging
the abolishment of hospitals and the establishment of dispensaries
in this District. You will please discharge as rapidly as possible
practicable all patients who can possibly find homes else-
where; and will hereafter receive no new patients into your
hospital.

Indigent sick poor people should be treated at their
dwellings or if homeless, be sent to the County poor-house

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas J Kipp
(Signed) Surgeon in Chief

To A. A. Surgeon in Charge - H. R.
Official
O. S. Kinsman
S. a. c. o. w.

Head Quarters of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Dec 6 1867

Kissman O. L.
To Brig Gen J. B. Wallis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montville Alabama.

General:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of letter from the Surgeon in chief to the U. S. Surgeon in charge of Bureau Hospitals in this District. The Asst. Commissioner directs you to aid in the gradual abolishment of the Hospitals which is thus attempted.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
O. L. Kissman
Sub Asst Commissioner

The State of Alabama ss.
County of Colbert.)

Before me John H. Green an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared General Pride a colored man who being duly sworn says that he is a citizen of Lawrence County and that his cotton, horse and the wages of his family have been attached by one James Moore. That he is not indebted to the said Moore except in a small amount which he is ready and willing to pay. That Monday the ninth inst. is the day set for the trial and that he does not believe that he can have justice done here by the Justice who is to try the case.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6th day of December 1867

J. H. Green, J.P.
E.D. 243.

General ^{his} Pride

Goodwin J. S. B.
To Gen J. B. Wallis
Sub Asst Commissioner

Lawrence Ala. Dec 6 1867

General.

Enclosed please find an affidavit of a Freedman from Lawrence County to which your attention is respectfully directed. It comes from the statement of the affiant who is a very old man and one of good character that his property has been attached for a debt which he says he does not owe. He came to John H. Green Esq. for advice and assistance but Mr. Green informs him that he can take no action in the premises as the parties live in Lawrence County. At the request of the freedman I would respectfully request that Mr. Green, your agent in this County be authorized to hear the facts of the case and decide accordingly.

He will have the trial which is appointed for Monday postponed until he can hear of my order. The defendant lives on the line of this County and has no means to attend at a more distant point.

Very respectfully
J. S. B. Goodwin

E.D. 243

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D. C. Nov 27 1867.

Thomas, Chas.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Hallis
Sgt Col 7th Regt Vt. Co.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Return of Qr M's Stores as
Sub Asst Commissioner, at Huntsville Ala. for the month
of October 1867, has been received, through the B. & O. & A. & S.
and when examined, will be sent to the Third Auditor
of the Treasury for Settlement, of which you will be duly
notified.

By Order of the Quartermaster General
Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Chas Thomas
A. G. M. Gen Bt Brig Gen.

War Dept B. & O. & A. & S. Office C. & S. O.
Washington D. C. Dec 7 1867.

Bullock Gen Geo. W.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Hallis.
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose you draft on F. & S. Co.
for \$238.40 to pay County due Moses Ashwood, as per vouchers
Enclosed.

You will please have them signed and returned
to me.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Geo W. Bullock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf D. O.

War Dept B. & O. & A. & S. Division
Washington D. C. Dec 2 1867.

Fowler Wm
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Hallis.
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

General:

I am directed to return here
with the discharge of Amosus Warew formerly to Cook's Co
A. 12 Regt. I'll Det Vol. Dnfy together with his application
for bounty and to state for your information that there is no law
or regulation providing for the payment of bounties to Cook's
and Undercooks.

I am General
Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Wm Fowler
Agt & in Charge Division

Stevenson Ala. Dec 9 1867.

Jones Edward.
To Gen Jno B. Hallis.

Sir:

I the undersigned Edward Jones was
duly authorized by the mass of the people in the vicinity of
Turkey Fork, Paint Rock Ala. to build a church and school
house for the good & instruction of the colored people but the
rebels have stopped me. One Mr Parker whom had control
of the land promised to lease it to us for two years. But Dawson
Clay one of the parties to whom the land belonged has
come since we had reared the house and got it well nigh
finished at the expense of (\$110.00) one hundred and ten dollars
said Clay says that the negroes shall have neither church
nor school on his land & consequently we had to abandon
our work. what shall we do? Please give us your advice
immediately that we may know what to do.

address me at Stevenson Ala.

See C. B. 244.

Edward Jones

Bridgeport Ala. Dec 9 1867

Gilbrath Jno. F.
To General J. B. Wallis.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 3 inst is now before me. I notified the Constable whose name is J. M. Rose. He promptly refused "saying that if Wallis turned him out of office for that, to pop his whip" with unpunishing hands. Besides, the Justice of peace whose name is, W. J. Hughes gave his opinion that the attachment would stick, but as you might report him to Gen. Swaine who might notify him to appear at Montgomery, Atlanta or your office, and his funds limited he would get the officer to return the property which has not yet been done, also that one side of the case is laid before you and he would lay the other side himself, what I have written I cannot beyond doubt. If you require it.

Being that you have full control of abandoned lands there is plenty of that kind of land in this County, with which I am intimately acquainted, & with the proprietor who have abandoned, and in which I will give you my assistance at any time or rent it out for you as you direct.

There is a quantity of poor who are neglected and unable to assist themselves notwithstanding the plenty that abounds and are oppressed at pleasure as I have already stated. Could I only know how to assist them (through you) I would freely do so. Should you wish to dismiss the officers (on the first page) or either of them I can recommend others more suitable than those already in office and as reliable as our County affords.

I am Gent
Yours Truly
Jno. F. Gilbrath

Stevenson Ala Dec 10 1867

Marshall Anselm
To General Wallis.

Sir:

I am forced to report to you how I have been treated a short time since by the rebels of this place in the first place they fell aboard of me with sticks rocks and weights and abused me very bad on account of my principles in the 2nd place one Eate M^r Mahon sued me for debt, a man that really owes me the suit was before John Wallfield. I told the Esq to have my witnesses subpoenaed. I came to trial, he had no witnesses Sub for me. I asked for a continuance but no attention was paid to it, the Esq has said he would never give a Union man a judgement, and M^r Mahon got a judgement against me for 72¢ & some cents. I am a man that pays all my just debts and have some property but I do not wish it taken from me by such men for nothing. So I call on you to give me some advice in the matter I know not what course to pursue. If you require I can give a full statement of the whole facts as good men as live in this County. I shall depend on you for protection in this matter or give me advice what to do in the premises as I cannot get justice here before such men as are in office. I want a new hearing in the suit between myself and M^r Mahon will you please write me and direct to Care of Major Allen Lee Box 53 Stevenson Ala.

Yours respectfully
Anselm Marshall

Pulaski News Dec 7th 1867.

Mr. Kimmin A. J.
To St Brig Gen Jno B. Ballis
Gen

I had the honor of addressing you a few lines from Rogersville Ala. on last Saturday with regard to the Affairs of the Employees on my lands and asked you to answer me at Pulaski. not having heard from you I again take the liberty of respectfully calling your attention to the facts with which you are no doubt acquainted by this time familiar - that my Creditors have taken all the stock off the places yet there is plenty of Cotton to pay all wages due the Employees on the different places and further that there is enough picked out on nearly all of the farms to pay wages in full to all. In looking over the order issued by Gen Swayne I infer that all Employees whether white or black come under the same head and are entitled to their wages under the order I would further call your attention to the fact that the white are still on the farms and are willing to continue to superintending the gathering the crop and getting the same to market until such time as all debts to Employees shall be paid or such time as you may designate.

If not inconsistent with your duty give me your views as to whether the white on the places will be entitled to the benefits of Gen Swayne's order or not as they are anxious to hear from you on that subject. I will be in Athens on Tuesday next at which time and place I would respectfully ask an answer to this.

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant

A. J. Kimmin

War Dept B. & F. U. S. Claims Division
Washington D. C. Nov 29th 1867.

Fowler Wm
To St Brig Gen Jno B. Ballis
Millsville Ala.

General.

I am directed by Major Genl O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty and pay in the case of the following named discharged Soldiers

Philip Hurley S. Co. 15 (Regt W. S. C. Infly)
Wm Pully S. " 15 " " " "

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm Fowler

Agent in Charge Div.

War Dept B. & F. U. S.

Washington D. C. Dec 4th 1867

Diggs Cornelius

Statement

Cornelius Diggs, now living at Mrs Stones 464. 14th St. His mothers name is Sucky Pleasants and his father Simon Pleasants and the parents are in Alabama.

If any means can be used to find the boys mother it would be a favor conferred on Mrs Seuthal 464. 14th Street Washington D. C. any expense will be cheerfully paid.

Official

W. O. D. Kinsman
Sub. Asst Commr.

E. P. 241.

Wd. Q. 12 Dist of Ala. B. R. P. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 10th 1867

Kinsman O. D.
To St Brig Gen. Jno B. Hallis.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Muntsville Ala.

General.

I have the honor to forward
by today's mail 200 Copies of General Order No 14 from Hd
Quarters District of Alabama. Circuit Series, which are
to be distributed in the same manner as General orders
No 13. previously forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Commissioner.

War Dept B. R. P. & A. S.
Washington D. C. Dec 7th 1867.

Whittlesey E.

Sir:

Your statement (nos) pertaining to the month of May
1867, giving the amount of unsupplied Provision in last account.
Amount distributed to the people of Madison Co. Ala. and the amount
remaining on hand was received at this office on the 29th ultimo
and is herewith returned to you. that the proper vouchers (all
of issues & certificates of distribution) may be forwarded together
with the enclosed statement to this office.

The amount of Provisions taken up on your statement for
the month of May, proves the fact that your receipt of provisions
commenced in the month of April. for which a return should
be rendered - also for the month of June.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
E. Whittlesey
A. A. I General.

Montgomery Ala. Dec 12th 1867

Decher Edwin
To Genl Jno B. Hallis

General.

Decher herewith \$216.⁰⁰ in
payment of your salary for November also your order.

Respectfully
Edwin Decher

Decatur Dec 13th 1867.

Banks S. S.
To Gen J. B. Hallis.
Muntsville Ala.

Dear Sir

Several different freedmen
have called on me to collect wages due to them for labor
performed last year. now can I issue an attachment vs.
a crop that was raised this year to pay back wages. or
must they take the ordinary course of law and commence
a civil suit for all back claims. Please let me hear from
you early as I have several cases pending that I think will
be paid. If I can attach, otherwise they will lose them.

Yours respectfully
S. S. Banks.

Atheus Dec 13. 1867.

Mr. Kimmin

To St Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis

Dear Sir:

I went to the farm last night after reaching here. While in Hunterville I told you the advice I had given to the freedmen - not to pick any cotton for anyone until their wages should be paid or secured to them. I found them all at work and thought it would not be best to disorganize everything again & modify your instructions so far as to say to them to go out and gather the crops but not to let one bale of cotton or any thing else belonging to the farm be moved until their wages be paid or secured to their entire satisfaction. Hoping what I have done may meet with your approbation.

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant
A. J. McKimmin

War. Department. P. R. F. & A. Blair
Washington D. C. Dec 10th 1867.

Dear Sir:

To St Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis

Sub Asst Commr P. R. F. & A.

Hunterville Ala.

General.

I am directed to return herewith the papers you reforwarded in the claim for pension of Nancy Jane widow of Moses Whitman late private Co. "E" 12th U.S.C.

Attention is invited to the discrepancy in name of the children.

The dates of birth of the children must be proven in the manner prescribed in "Notes" on back of Supplemental affidavit. An officers certificate is also required.

With papers please return this ~~letter~~.

I am General.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

H. Fowler.

Agent &c in charge. Sec.

H. F.
1872.

Monroe Ala. Dec 16th 1867.

Aug. B. A.

To St Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis

Sub Asst Commr P. R. F. & A.

Hunterville Alabama.

General.

Enclosed I send you Certificate & affidavit Concerning Corn not in July last also vouchers signed in blank, hoping it may be satisfactory.

I received a circular Saturday from General E. Whittlesey calling for statement of provisions received and remaining on hand for the month of July as all of the reports were forwarded to you at the proper time. I do not understand why the statement is required.

I remain, Yours
Most Respctly.
H. A. Perry

Head Quarters. Dist of Alabama.
Office Chief Quartermaster Belm.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 9th 67.

Whiting S. J.
To Gen J. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir.

Your monthly accounts "Stores
pertaining to Bureau" - to Lt Col S. J. and, Q. M. Stores
for the month of November 1867. have been received
examined and forwarded to Maj Gen. C. C. Howard
Comr Bureau A. S. & A. S. Washington D. C.

By Order of Major Gen. Hagen Swayne Comr

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. J. Whiting

2^d Lt 45th U.S. Infy. & chf Q. M.

Albany Ala. State of Alabama.

Atmrs Ala. Dec 15th 1867.

Dauforth J.
To Gen J. B. Callis.

Gen.

I drop you a line to enquire
what the matter is in regard to the Prudman Bureau.

There seems to be two or three men Commissioners in this
County and I have received no official communication
in regard to the matter hence am at a loss to know
how to proceed. When your nephew was down here
a few days ago, he brought me verbal orders from you to
go ahead. I had settle up the Contracts for this year
on the basis of orders issued by Gen Swayne, which I
have done in every instance without any variation.

John also told me that he would forward the two
months back pay due me the 1st of October last.

I have since heard nothing from it. If the amount
is considerable please forward by Express as soon as

possible, as I have had to borrow money to lay in a winter
supply of goods and need the funds.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
J. Dauforth.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D. C. Dec 5th 1867.

Thomas Chas
To Lt Col John B. Callis
U. S. V. & Subst Com Belm.
The Adj Gen U. S. A.

Sir.

Your Property Ret
urns for the months of April May and June 1866
have been received, examined in this office, and sent
to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for Settlement
without remarks.

By Order of the Quartermaster General,
Respectfully Your obedient servant
Chas Thomas
Adj Gen
Bt Maj Gen.

War. Dept. P. R. A. S. 21.
Washington D. C. Dec 10 1867.

Reverend Hon.
To Brig Gen Jno. B. Callis.
S. M. C. Huntsville Ala.

General.

I am directed by
Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty
in the case of the following named discharged Soldiers
Almstead Hillman B. Co. 44 Regt. U.S.C.D.
Reuben Smith " " " " " " " " " " " "

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. Fowler.
Capt & Charge.

Huntsville Ala. Dec 17 1867.

Mr. Donald J. M.
To Gen Jno. B. Callis.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor herewith
to transmit to you the receipts of all the officers of my County
to whom it was my duty to give copies of Gen's order No
13. at least I infer that only those who under the Law
are authorized to issue attachments are designed
to have the order. The remoteness of many of the justices
made it necessary to take most of the receipts separately
and hence I am compelled to encumber you with
considerable paper. I have obtained the receipts at
the earliest time possible without going & delivering
in person.

Hoping all will prove satisfactory

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. N. McDonald
J. B. Lawrence Co. Ala.

Coman. Jas. S.
To Maj Gen Hagar Duayne.
Montgomery Ala.

Albany Ala. Dec 13 1867.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to ask
your decision on a point arising under a recent order
in regard to Slaves for Saboteers.

Mr. McKimmin working four
large plantations in this and Lauderdale Counties
has failed for forty to fifty thousand dollars
most all of which he lent to Commission merchants
in Louisville & Nashville. he has abandoned
his plantation to the laborer leaving some 2. or 3.
hundred Bales Cotton unpicked. On the place
No. 1 had charge of No. 1. A partner together with
a white employer of No. 2. and so with No. 3.
and he had on No. 4. a white man entrusted
with the whole business to the two former employers
he promised \$400 each to the latter 12.00. he being
a man of large experience and attending to the
whole business. he and his partner have all
left this place - without paying white or black
the white men still remain on the place and helping
the colored laborers to gather & secure the crop. are
useful in directing and borrowing mules and obtain-
ing rations. Gen Callis has been consulted
and thinks the colored laborer only protected by
your order No - Are not all laborers in good
faith protected and will they not all share pro rata
An early answer will oblige.

Yours most Resply
James S. Coman
Albany Ala.

E. B. 243.

Head. Qrs. Dist of Ala. B.R. 348.
Montgomery Ala. Dec 17/67

Kinsman O.D.
To St. Brig Genl Jno Ballis
Sub Asst Commissioner
Mintsville Alabama.

General:

The Asst Commissioner desires to render to the Commissioner a full and complete report of the work and status of the Bureau at the beginning of the "New Year".

He therefore directs that you forward to this office a "General Report" which shall present in compact detail the following points. 1st The general feeling existing between the planter and the laborer, especially in their relations as Employer and Employee in the operations of the present year and the views and actions of both classes as to the agreements to be entered into for the coming year. under this head should be noted the classification of the various new contracts which come to your notice whether the laborer is to work on shares or for wages and what proportion of crop or monthly wages is agreed upon.

2nd The General Condition of the freedmen showing whether it has advanced or receded since the beginning of this year and whether to any extent they have been able to advance themselves to the position of tenants in even a small way.

3rd The effect of the principle orders issued in this District such as General Order No 3. current series from the Bureau and G.O. 13 & 14. from the Military Department should also be noted.

4th The destitution existing at present among both whites and colored must be given as well as the causes which may in your belief tend to

increase and decrease and finally you are invited to express your views as to the further necessity of the continuance of the Bureau in your Sub District.

By Order of
St. Maj Genl Hagen Swaine!
O.D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Commr.

Mintsville Ala. Dec 17/1867.

May, W.T.
To St. Genl Jno B. Callis
Mintsville Ala.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 14th inst containing ten copies of General Order No 14 which I will distribute to the several Officers of this County at my convenience.

Very respectfully &c
W.T. May
Judge of Probate.

Monroe Ala. Dec 19 1867.

Deug Eliza
To Gen Jno. B. Ballis.

Sir:

Excuse my taking the liberty to address these lines to you but seeing my husband deposed by Mr Green of Tusculum as Acting Agent of the Bureau after you had instructed my husband to settle all Contracts which was made & registered when he was agent. I wish to ask an explanation of you Sir to find out the reason wherefore my husband is put aside without a word and Green left to settle the business who is the one meddling with the Bureau and complaining of him without giving him a chance to defend himself. Heretofore he has settled all differences according to Contract. Major Jones stated Mr Deuge ridiculous and near brought him in to trouble. he took him as a federal officer for a straight forward man. I like to find out who played such tricks against my husband this time May be Mr Green is in the advantage because he don't belong to the Union League.

Hoping to hear from you soon Dear Sir

Respectfully,

Eliza Deuge.

War Dept. B. & A. S. Office Chf. Gr. Mr.
Washington D.C. Dec 17 1867.

Whittelsey H. M.

To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis.

Sub Asst. Comm.

Tusculum Ala.

Your Monthly Account Quartermaster Stores and Clothing Warehouse and Sanction Co. M. Department for the month of November 1867. have been received, examined and forwarded to Bt. Maj Gen M. C. Meigs. Quartermaster General. U.S. Army

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard. A. Comr
Very respectfully, Your obedient servant.

H. M. Whittelsey

Chf. Gr. Mr Bureau B. & A. S.

War Dept. B. & A. S. Office Chf. Gr. Mr
Washington Dec 17 1867.

Whittelsey H. M.

To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Ballis

Sub Asst. Commissioner

Tusculum Ala

Sir:

Your Property account. Stores pertaining to Bureau B. & A. S. for the month of November 1867. has been examined and forwarded to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard Comr
Very respectfully, Your obedient Servt.

H. M. Whittelsey

Chf. Gr. Mr B. & A. S.

War. Dept. P. R. F. & A. S. Office
Washington D. C. Dec 19th 1867.

Ballock, Geo. H.
To. St. Brig Gen. Jno. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
I enclose you draft on F. & S. Co. for \$29.00 to pay bounty due. Chas. Drake as per vouchers enclosed. Please have them signed and returned to me.

Very respectfully
Geo. H. Ballock
St. Brig Gen. vol 120

Hunt Mooreville Ala.
Dec 18th 1867.

Thurlow, Silas
To. Gen. Jno. B. Callis
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir:

When the registration was taken we had not made our minds to become Citizens of Alabama as we now have concluded to remain here and we want to be registered. you will please write to Gen. Pope and get orders for us to register. You will please attend to it right off.

Yours Truly,
Silas Thurlow &
David B. Thurlow.

Anderson D. S.
To Gen. Jno. B. Callis.

Frankfort, Ala. Dec 18th 1867.

Received of Jno. B. Callis St. Brig Gen. & Sub. Court - Ten Copies G. O. No. 4. Ad. G. District of Alabama. Montgomery Ala. Dec 9th 1867.

D. S. Anderson.
Judge Prob. Court. Franklin Co.

Stinesville Co. Athens Ala.
Dec 19th 1867.

McClellan, Jno. B.
Received of St. Brig Gen. Jno. B. Callis Ten Copies of Gen. Orders No 14th Ad. G. Montgomery Ala.

Jno. B. McClellan.
Probate Judge.

Hershey Ala. Dec 21st 1867

Walston John.
To. Gen. Jno. B. Callis.
Huntsville Ala.

Dr. Sir.

I hereby acknowledge Receipt of 10 Copies General Orders No 14 dated Ad. G. Dist. of Alabama. Dec 19th 1867. which will be promptly attended to according to directions therewith.

Very respectfully &c
John. Walston
Judge of Probate.
Sanderdale Co. Ala.

War Dept (R. H. S. 2) Claims Division
Washington Dec 13 1867.

Fowler H^m
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Callis.
S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.
Genl.

I am directed by Maj Gen
O. O. Howard Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt
this day of papers in the Claims for awards of pay
bounty & pension in the cases of the following named
soldiers

John Fletcher	S	to 12	Regt U. S. C. I
Walker Simmons	S	42	" " " "
Jordan Rice	C	42	" " " "
Bartlett Brown	-	44	" " " "
Mitchell Matthews	H	17	" " " "
Perry Rice	C	42	" " " "

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. Fowler
Acting Charge Div

Ad. Gen Dist of Alabama (R. H. S. 2)
Montgomery Ala. Dec 23 1867

Kinsman O. D.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Callis.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

General I have the honor to
Enclose herewith the discharge paper of the following
named Colored Soldier whose claim against the Govt
for bounty is allowed as per amount set opposite his
name and is in the hands of the Capt & is officer
of the Bureau for remittance to him.

George McKimney Pvt Co H. 11th Regt U. S. C. I \$203.22
Please acknowledge receipt of this
communication and enclosure.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
O. D. Kinsman
Sub Asst Comm.

Houston Ala. Dec 14 1867.
Hoyde H. Ho.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno. B. Callis.
Sub Asst Commissioner.
Sir:

Your favor of Nov
23 67 is to hand and contents noted and hasten
to reply Enclosed please find my Certificate of
discrepancy in the Govt Sacks of Government Corn
that I had on hand Aug 20 at that time the house
that I had rented in Decatur for issuing and
Storage purposes had to be given up the use of it
could not longer be obtained therefore I had to
rent another house and move the Corn about
200 yards and of course the best sacks had been

issued. the refused and damaged sacks left and in
 course of transportation sustained considerable loss
 I also found 6 sacks of damaged Corn that could
 not sell for anything which according to first ship-
 ment weighed 799 lbs I also found a loss of 474
 lbs wasteage that according to first shipment left
 50 sacks of Corn on hand which sold for 51
 Cents per sack which I sold to Fortman & Hinds
 Decatur Ala. Any Error in my statement please
 correct it for me. and

Oblige Your reply,
 W. H. Hyatt.

War Department, Bureau of P. & S.
 Claim Division
 Washington Dec 21st 1867.

Fowler, Wm
 To St Brig Gen. J. B. Wallis
 S. A. C. I. Bu. Milledgeville Ala.

General.

I am directed by
 Major General. O. O. Howard. Commission to acknowledge
 the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty
 in the case of the following named discharged Soldier
 Isom. McCray Co. 12. Regt U. S. C. I.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
 W. P. Drew agent
 in absence of W. Fowler,

Treasury Dept Second Auditor office
 December 27th 1867.

French, E. B.
 To Gen. J. B. Wallis.
 Milledgeville Ala.

Sir:

The application in the case
 of Edmund Gary Private Co. K. 106 U. S. C. I. is suspended
 for the correct letter of the Company and number
 of the Regiment to which deceased belonged.

The Adj. Gen. reports the name above not
 found on the rolls of Co. K. 106 U. S. C. I.

Respectfully, yours.

E. B. French
 Auditor

Milledgeville Tenn. Dec 26th 1867.

Caldwell, J. M.
 To Gen. J. B. Wallis

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you have
 amount of pension due Elvira Ponce to Sept 4th 67
 Please acknowledge receipt and oblige

J. H. Parrott, for
 J. M. Caldwell.
 Army pension agent

Rome Ga. Dec 27th 1867.

Elliott J. M.
To Genl Jno. B. Hallis.
Blountsville Ala.

General.

I sent you by mail last spring an order for freighting Bacon Cider &c from Rome to Baltimore directed to L.C. Dunne. Your "reply" to my communication at the time and enclosed me blank form 22 with request that I filled it up and return it to you. all of which was done with L.C. Dunne's Certificate that the same was performed &c. I receipted some vouchers and requested that the amount be forwarded to me and you oblige by investigating the matter and ascertain why the acct has not received attention if payment is refused please send me the voucher and oblige.

Yours Truly
J. M. Elliott
Capt. Coosa R. & Boat Co.

Blountsville Ala. Dec 23rd 67.

Moore J. W.
To Genl Jno. B. Hallis.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of Dec 14th covering ten (10) Copies of the Orders No 14.

Very respectfully,
J. W. Moore
Probate Judge
Blount Co.

Trinity School, Athens, Ala.
Dec 27th 1867.

Wells Miss M. J.
To Genl Jno. B. Hallis.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to report that this building can be rented for \$50⁰⁰ per month from Nov 1st to July 1st 1868. and believing the Bureau will promptly pay the rent I still occupy.

Mr. Leavath Secy of the A. M. A. & S. A. C. was much pleased with a piece of property which was looked at when he was here, and if it can be purchased on reasonable terms I think our association will buy it and with what aids the Bureau & League in building we hope to establish a first class academy or high school with a normal dept. We are in correspondence with the parties owning the property and hope to have something definite before long. Hoping to hear from you soon. (on the rent question)

I am Yours Very Respectfully
M. J. Wells
Supt T. S. Athens, Ala.

Orleans Ala. Jan 6th 1868.

Sanford J.
To. Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis.
General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of check No 108. on Asst Treasurer of U. S. as payment of my salary for the month of Sept. 1867.

The salary for the month of Aug. has not been received. I name this as there might possibly have been some mistake.

Capt D. H. Bingham died here yesterday morning very suddenly & unexpectedly. I although he had been sick for several days. Every thing quiet here and every body broke.

Very respectfully &c
J. Sanford.

War. Dept. B. & A. S. office Chf. O.
Washington D. C. Jan 4th 1868.

Ballock, Geo. W.

To. Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Wallis.

Sir:-

I enclose you draft on P. & T. Co. for \$24,000. to pay bounty due Samuel Ashwood as per Voucher Enclosed.

You will please have them signed by the claimant and returned to me.

Very respectfully &c
Geo. W. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf. D. O.

Florence Ala. Jan 5th 1868.

Trugo L. A.
To. Gen Jno B. Wallis.
Sir.

I hereby acknowledge receipt for my services for September & 1st 1867. in full.
Your obedient servant
C. A. Ferguson.

Head. Quarters. Dist of Alabama.
Office Chief Asst. B. & A. S.
Montgomery, Ala Jan 6th 1868.

Arthur H. C.
To Gen Jno B. Wallis.
Milledgeville Ala.
Sir.

Your monthly accounts "Q. M. Stores" for the month of December 1867. have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commissioner, Bureau B. & A. S. at Washington, D. C.
By Order of Bt Maj Gen H. A. Swaine
Very respectfully, Your Obedt Servant.
H. C. Arthur.
Chf. Gen. B. & A. S. State of Ala.

Head Qrs. Dist of Ala. B. R. F. & A. S.
Office Chief Qr Master
Montgomery, Ala. Jan'y 6. 68.

Arthur W. C.
To Gen. Jno B. Callis.

Sir:

Your monthly accounts stores pertaining to Bureau for the month of December 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj Gen. O. O. Howard Commissioner Bureau B. R. F. & A. S. at Washington D. C.

By order of Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne, Asst Comr

Very respectfully Your obedient servant

W. C. Arthur
Chf Q. M. B. R. F. & A. S. State of Ala

Head Qrs Dist of Ala. Office Chief Qr Master
Montgomery Ala. Jan'y 6. 68.

Arthur W. C.
To Gen Jno B. Callis

Sir:

Your monthly accounts "C. & G. Co" for the month of December 1867 have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj General O. O. Howard, Commissioner B. R. F. & A. S. at Washington

By Order of Bt Maj Gen Hager Swayne, Asst Comr

Very respectfully Your obedient servant

W. C. Arthur

Chf Q. M. B. R. F. & A. S. State of Ala.

War Dept. B. R. F. & A. S. claim Division
Washington. Dec 24 1867.

Fowler, Wm.

To Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis.

General.

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty, arrears of pay and pension in the case of the following named discharged & deceased soldiers.

Wm. Pruitt	E. Co. 12th Regt. U.S.C. I.
Cornelius Gardner	D. " " 18. " " " "
Saml. Tate	H. " " 106. " " " "
Fredrick Anderson	H. " " 17. " " " "
Isaiah Drake	H. " " 121. " " " "
" Saml. Tate "	H. " 106. " " " "
Clarke Bobor	D. " 44. " " " "

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. Fowler.

ag't in charge, Sir.

Montgomery, Ala. Jan'y 8 '68.

Beecher, Edwin.

To Gen. Jno B. Callis.

Sir:

I enclose check no. 114 on asst Treasurer U. S. at New York for \$654⁰⁰ in your favor in payment of your account current for December 1867. Your pay accounts I return. I received a letter from the Paymaster General, containing a copy of one from the Adj't General, saying your muster out as Sicut Col dated back to last May from which time you should have been paid as Captain only, and directing the excess over Captain pay to be deducted from future payments. This order prevents my paying your account for

December. Please acknowledge receipt of check.
 Very respectfully
 Edwin Beecher.

Quartermaster General's Office
 Division of Clothing & Equipage
 Washington D.C. Jan'y 6th 68.

Perry Alex. D.
 To Gen. Jno. B. Ballis.

Sir.

Your return of clothing and
 Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Sub
 Asst. Gen. B.R.D. & A.S. for the month of Nov 1867
 has been received and examined at this office
 and sent to the second Auditor of the Treasury
 for settlement.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant.
 By order of A. M. G.
 Alex. D. Perry.
 At Brig Genl
 Ar M. U. Army.

War. Department B.R.D. & A.S.
 Washington Jan'y 4th 68.

Whittlesey, E.
 To Gen. Jno. B. Ballis.

Sir.

Your Statement of provisions
 received, transferred and distributed under Joint
 Resolutions of Congress approved March 30th 1867
 to prevent "starvation" &c. for the months of May
 July, & August, 1867, have been received and ex-
 amined at this office and sent to the Third
 Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Remarks. Statement of provisions remaining on
 hand for the month of August, 1867, is required.

By Order of Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully &c
 E. Whittlesey.
 A. A. D. General.

Moulton Ala. Jan'y 9th 68.

McDonald, J.H.
 To Gen. J.B. Ballis.

I have the honor to acknowledge the
 receipt some days since of ten copies of Gen order No 14.
 If I have hitherto acknowledged the receipt of the
 same I plead guilty to remission of duty, and
 by your indulgence.

Very Respectfully, &c
 J.H. McDonald.
 J.P.C.

Mar. Dept. ARMS. office chf. D.O.
Washington D.C. Jan'y 29th 1868.

Bullock Geo. H.
To. Gen. Jno. B. Ballis

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit
herewith draft on P.D. & T.C. for \$12³⁰ to pay the following
Debitants

Geo. Washington	28 ⁴ / ₁₀₀
Jas. Watkins	28 ⁴ / ₁₀₀
Morris Carter	238 ²⁰ / ₁₀₀

You will please have the enclosed vouchers signed
and returned true.

Very respectfully, &c

Geo. W. Bullock.

St. Brig. Gen. chf. D.O.

Quartermaster General's office
Washington D.C. Dec 24, 1867.

Thomas, Wm.
To. St. Brig. Gen. Jno. B. Ballis.
S. & Col. 7th V.R.C. Henderson Ala.

Sir:

Your return of
Gr. W. Store as Sub. Asst. Comr at Hendersonville Ala. for
the month of November 1867. has been received. Through
Gen. R. F. & A. S., and when examined will be sent
to the Chief Auditor of the Treasury for settlement
of which you will be duly notified.

By Order of the Acting Gr. W. General.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt. Servt.

Chas. Thomas

A. G. W. Gen. St. Brig. Gen.

Hendersonville Ala.

Green, J. W.

To. St. Brig. Gen. Jno. B. Ballis.

Sir:

I have the honor to lay
before you for your consideration and advice a
Case as follows: &c.

Early in the year 1867, Eliah Williamson
rented a tract of land to one Charles Hambleton for the
year to plant and make a crop. Charles Hambleton
agreed to pay a moneyed rent of some three or four
dollars per acre, taking a large quantity of open land
more than he could cultivate.

Charles Hambleton, Sub. Leased some 30
acres of this land to a freedman named Henry
Harris. Hambleton was to furnish and feed the
team and supply plows & implements. Henry Harris
was to cultivate and gather the crop, and Harris was
to pay Hambleton one half of the crop, all of which
Harris did do. Now Williamson the land owner
& first landlord, standeth to Chas. Hambleton. Complaint
that he has not got his full rent for all of his farm
at so much money per acre.

You will bear in mind there were many
Sub. Leasants to Hambleton.

Harris has on his part fully paid up to Hambleton
1/2 of the crop he raised, & Williamson got that 1/2
of Hambleton, but Williamson insists he is entitled
to all the crop that Harris raised until he Williamson
gets his reward rent, and he Williamson insists on his
right to take the entire crop of all the tenants and
laborers until he gets his stipulated amount of money.
which Charles Hambleton agreed to pay him and
if he is sustained on this claim then Henry Harris
the Sub. tenant of Hambleton will see all of his crop
utterly, and those who rented on the share with
Charles Hambleton may suffer a like fate.

You will bear in mind that in addition to the above Statement of the party. The Contract between Elijah Williamson the land owner, and Charles Hambleton his tenant has not been recorded neither in my Bureau nor in the office of Registration in Jackson County where the land lies.

Now under this state of facts, the parties, being all summoned before me that justice might be done I decided that Elijah Williamson's Contract with Charles Hambleton not being registered could not bind Henry Harris and that as Henry Harris had paid up half his crop on Cotton and Corn to Charles Hambleton & as Elijah Williamson had got that half so paid by Henry Harris he Williamson could have no more of the crop of Henry Harris, but must look elsewhere for his pay.

All of which I respectfully submit to suit your opinion as to the proper rule of decision as there are other cases of like facts yet pending before me and awaiting your views on this subject.

I beg to refer you to § 2884. of the new Code of Alabama which reserves \$1000 personally to the head of each family, this is in addition to reservation in § 2880. Subdivision No 3. which please look to also bear in mind that the Freedman Henry Harris is the head of a family and has a wife and children dependent on his labor for support. As these cases will be of importance in establishing rules for actions in a great many instances already in existence and which will likely answer in future I ask if you entertain any doubts of this subject that you will refer the whole matter to the Commander of the Third Military District composed of Florida Georgia & Alabama that a question may be permanently given to these disputes

11 January 1868.
J. H. Green
Genl. &c

War. Dept. P. & S. As.
Washington D.C. Dec 6th 1867.

Whittlessey, E.
To. Jno H Green.
Franklin Co. Ala.
Sir

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30th 1867, to prevent starvation &c for the month of July 1867, have been received and examined at this office and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Remains - statement of provisions received issued and remaining on hand for the month of July 1867, is required.

By Order of C. C. Howard.
Very respectfully &c.
E. Whittlessey
U. S. A. Genl.

War. Dept. P. & S. As. Office of S. Officer
Washington D.C. Jan 11th 1868.

Ballock, Genl. Geo. H.
To Brig Genl. Jno B. Callis, Agt.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: Enclosed I send you draft on F. & T. Co. for \$466.⁸⁹ to pay the following claimants. Enclosed also vouchers for signatures

Cary Kneushaw
Abraham Reynolds

\$194.²⁹

272.69

Total \$466.89

Yours respectfully
Geo. H. Ballock
At Brig Genl &c S. O.

War. Dept. R. R. & A. S. Claims Div
Washington D.C. Jan'y 4th 1868.

Powder, Hm
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Lullis
S. A. C. Bu'rd Huntsville Ala.
General.

I have the honor to
return herewith the application of Patsy widow of Walker
Simmons late Pri Co "D" 42. U.S.C.T. The identifying
witnesses must specify the number of years the Claimant
and deceased lived together as husband and
wife and also the number of years they have been acquainted
with them.

Please return this letter with application.

(slip)
Walker, Simmons.
Enlisted at Chattanooga Tenn
August 12th 1864.
J. A. B. 20

Very respectfully, Yr Obedt Servt
H. M. Fowler
Act. in Charge Div

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D.C. Dec 11th 1867.

Thomas, Chas
To Bt Col John B. Wain
7th R. C. Supt. R. R. & A. S.
Thro Adjt Genl U.S.A.

Sir:

Your Property returns
for the months of July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec 1866,
have been examined in this Office, and sent to the
Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Your Early attention is called to the following
remarks, viz:

August 1866

S. Vol 1. Items expended.

10 Words Words, expended in office of Supt.

Fuel must be issued on Voucher supported
by proper vouchers.

Note—Reply to be marked Book of Remarks, page
339, and addressed to the Quartermaster General.

By Order of the Adj. Quartermaster General,
Respectfully, Your obedient Servant.

Chas Thomas
A. A. G. M. Genl
Bt Major Genl

War. Dept. P. R. F. & S. office chf. q. m.
Washington D.C. Jan'y 14th 1868.

Whittelsey, H. M.
To Bt Brig Gen. Jm. B. Cullis
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Huntsville Alabama.

Sir:

Your Property
account. "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees
Freemen, and Abandoned Lands" for the
month of December 1867, has been received,
examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of
the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen C. C. Howard, Com^r

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.

Henry M. Whittelsey
Chf. Q. Mr. P. R. F. & S.

Pikeville Ala. Jan'y 6th 1868.

Drwell, Jm. D.
To Gen Jm. B. Cullis.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to
you the Certificate of Mrs Martha R. Lewis No. 291,609
for the sum of \$250. bounty due her deceased husband
Isaiah Lewis de F. also the Certificate of Mrs Jane
Green No 345,575, for the sum of \$229.68. bounty
due her decd husband. Saml Green.

These are poor and destitute and widowed women.
You will please them under many obligations by
drawing the money on there claims and forward
the same to me at this place. This they have direct-
ed me to say to you, and any expense or trouble
you may be at, you are autho^zed to retain out of
their respective amounts forwarding statement
of same. I hope it will suit your convenience

to attend to this at once. If you see an opportunity to
send this by hand, do so. If not it must come by mail.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant
Jm. D. Drwell.

War. Dept. P. R. F. & S. Claims Division
Washington D.C. Jan'y 7th 1868.

Factor, Hm.

To Bt Brig Gen. Jm. B. Cullis
S. A. C. Bureau Huntsville Ala.

General.

I am directed by the Major Genl Court to return
herewith the papers you forwarded in the claim for
pension of the mother of Sam Tate late pri C. A. 106
U. S. C. The supplementary affidavit will not be
entertained, the signatures by mark of declarant and
affiant not having been attested by live written sig-
natures, and the Clerk of Court not having certified
that the contents of the papers were carefully read
and explained &c. In mother's claim for pension
proof of dependence is required, form enclosed.

Please complete declaration inserting name
of person who solemnized the marriage &c
With papers in the case please return this
letter

Sam General

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant.

Wm Fowler

Agent in Chge Div.

(Mar 18)
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War. Dept. P. R. & A. S. Claims Division
Washington D. C. Jan'y 7th 1868

Major A. P.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis.
S. A. Co. 1 Bu Pres Huntsville Ala.

I am directed by
Major General W. O. Howard, Commissioner to acknow-
ledge the receipt this day of papers in the Claims
for Bounty in the case of the following named
discharged Soldiers:

George W. Carrs "C" Co 110 Regt W. S. I. C.
Fitzhugh Sheppards "B" " 41st " " " "
John Mosely "K" " 111 " " " "
Buck Matthews "G" " 17 " " " "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
A. P. Howard
Bt Maj Gen U. S. A.

War. Dept. P. R. & A. S. Claims Div
Washington D. C. Jan'y 7th 1868

James M.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis.

I have the honor to return
herewith the application for Bounty of Jno Mosely late
Pri C K. III U. S. C. P. The Seal and Signature of the
Notary Public before whom the papers was executed require
authentication by the Certificate of a Clerk of a Court of
Record, the Notary not having filed his Commission
or a Certified Copy thereof in the Office of the
2^d Auditor Treasury

Please return this letter with application

I am General very respectfully,
Wm Fowler
Agt in Chg Div

See P. R. 248
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War. Dept. P. R. & A. S. Office of Gen.
Washington Jan'y 13th 1868.

Whitelsey M. M.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis
Sub Asst Comr
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Monthly account
Quartermasters Stores and Clothing Camps and
Barou Equipage Q. M. Department for the
month of December 1867, have been received
examined and forwarded to Bt Maj Gen W. O.
Howard Quartermaster General, W. S. A.

By Order of Maj Gen W. O. Howard, Comr
Very respectfully, Yr obt Servant
Henry M. Whitelsey
Chf Quartermaster P. R. & A. S.

War. Dept. P. R. & A. S. Office of S. O.
Washington D. C. Jan'y 18th 1868.

Ballock Geo. W.
To Bt Brig Gen Jno B. Callis.
Adjt Freedman's Bureau.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed please
find draft No 311, on W. S. & Co. for \$313.⁰⁰ to pay
the following Claims. Enclosed also vouchers
for Signature.

Chas Ashwood,	217. 00
Anderson Greeshaw	196. 50
	\$313. 50

I am Very Respectfully
Geo W. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf

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I have been very busy lately
but I will try to write you soon.
I am well and hope you are too.
I shall be glad to hear from you again.
Yours truly,
J. P. D.

« is much
greater than before»

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
J. M. Smith, Secy.

C. C. Bank
Windsor, N. B.
For George C. C. C.

The same day
 all the students of the College of Arts and Sciences
 were engaged in the "Museum of the
 History of the College of Arts and Sciences"
 and the students of the College of Arts and Sciences
 were engaged in the "Museum of the
 History of the College of Arts and Sciences"

The enclosed, you will find,
your examination, and testimony, that
this is so. I desire to say that this firm is
one in the best standing one in the
city; the parties are & will continue to be
able to pay their 20 from the beginning, ~~and~~
I trust that in any matter that may come
before you for investigation their character
and standing will be duly considered.

to the Secretary
of the Board
of Education
and the
Board of
Education

[illegible]

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I am, however, confident that the facts are as stated in the report. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, very truly,
 J. M. McKim

[illegible]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 25th inst. informing this Office of the death of John Matthews formerly of the 1st Regt. N.Y. Co. and enclose herewith his discharge paper to enable his heirs to make application for the arrears of bounty due them. Please acknowledge receipt of discharge paper.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servt
Wm. B. Lusk, A. A. Genl

My dear Mr. Garrison
 I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the Boston Convention. I am very glad to hear of the success of the Convention and the adoption of the resolutions. I am sure that the cause of the oppressed will be benefited by the action of the Convention.

I have been thinking much of late of the state of the cause in this country. It seems to me that the friends of the cause are not doing enough to sustain the cause in the public mind. We must do more to educate the people and to show them the true nature of the slave trade. We must also do more to sustain the friends of the cause who are doing their best to do good.

I am, dear Mr. Garrison, very truly yours,
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the claims of William Lee as per vouchers enclosed. Please get them signed and return by mail. Has Genl Hall left Huntsville? I have a few claims to be paid at Athens, Ga. I think Huntsville is the nearest place where the Bureau has an agent. Am I right and can these claims be paid at Huntsville?

Wm H. Ballou, Jr.
 War Dept. B.R. & A.S. Office Chief of Office
 Washington D.C. Jan'y 28, 1855

Walloch Geo. B. Brig Genl
 To Capt Robert Harrison
 Sub Asst Commissioner
 Huntsville Ala,
 Sir

Enclosed I send you dft #340 on P.S. & No for \$188⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to pay Bounty Claim of William Lee as per vouchers enclosed. Please get them signed and return by mail. Has Genl Hall left Huntsville? I have a few claims to be paid at Athens, Ga. I think Huntsville is the nearest place where the Bureau has an agent. Am I right and can these claims be paid at Huntsville?

Respy Yours,
 Geo W Ballou
 B. Brig Genl &c &c.

Adj. Dir. Dist of Alabama
 Bureau R. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala Jan'y 28, 1858.

Shockley Geo. B. Brig Genl

To Capt Robert Harrison

Sub Asst Commr

Huntsville Ala

Sir:

Orders having been given by the Commissary Department of the Army when the Asst Commissioner of this State

Adj. Dir. Dist of Alabama
 Bureau R. & A. S.
 Montgomery Ala Jan'y 28, 1858

Shockley Geo.

To Capt Robert Harrison

Sub Asst Commissioner

Huntsville Ala.

Capt:-

Your communication of the 26th inst asking for authority to dispose of certain merchandise & stores has been received.

In view of the small return that would be received from the sale of relief corn and the amount of destitution existing in your Sub Dist it is believed that greater good would result from an issue. It is therefore desired that the corn be issued to destitute and accounted for the same as former issues of the kind.

Further orders will be given you as to what disposition shall be made of Bureau Corn and Gas on.

By Order of J. Hayden
 At Brig Genl J. Hayden
 Geo. Shockley
 Capt 15th Inf Ala U.S.A.
 A.A.G.

Adj. Gen. Dept of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Jan 28 '68.

Shorkley Geo.
To Capt R. Harrison
Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Orders having been given by the Commissary-Dept of the Army upon the Asst Commissioner in this State to issue Certain Articles of food suitable for use in Soup Houses upon requisitions and returns properly approved. I am therefore directed by the Asst Commissioner to say that arrangements will be made for the establishment of Soup houses at Mobile, Selma, Demopolis, Huntsville and Montgomery. The needed boilers &c will be supplied for this purpose.

It is the desire of the Asst Commissioner to place this issue as far as practicable in charge of benevolent societies believing that by their efforts the greatest good may be obtained.

To secure this object you are desired to communicate with the societies in your city soliciting their hearty Co-operation as a charity to the poor & needy.

You will communicate with this office upon this subject.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Ala
A.A.A.

Adj. Gen. Dept of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala Jan 30 '68

Shorkley Geo.
To Capt R. Harrison
S. A. Huntsville Ala
Captain:

A Communication was refused from this Office on Dec 26 1867, to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Collins in relation to the arrest of one Pick who was to be held till requisition could be made for him by the Civil Club Societies of Pickens County. You will please report what action has been taken in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Ala
A.A.A.

Adj. Gen. Dept of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala Jan 31 '68.

Shorkley Geo.
To Capt R. Harrison U.S.A.
S. A. Huntsville Ala.
Captain:

You will please ascertain and report to this Office the probable amount number of persons in your City who will need assistance from the Soup Houses ordered to be established.

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Ala
A.A.A.

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Higgins Elijah
To Bt Brig Gen Bureau
Munville Ala
Brownsville Texas Jan 13 1868.

Sir: Wishing to hear from
my bounty at Munville Ala. I have sent for my
money and discharge. Wish you would be so kind
as to write me - send my discharge back to me
I will pay you for your kindness and would
be very happy to get it.
(Sgd) Elijah Higgins
A. C. 4111111111

Bureau Refugee S. A. S. and
Asst Commissioner State of Ky
Louisville Ky Dec 18 1867.

Burbank L.
To Bt Brig Gen J. S. Carris.
S. A. C. Munville Ala.

Sir: The house of
McTee, Armstrong & Co. of Louisville Ky have
some difficulty in a settlement of a claim
for advancing supplies for working a plantation
in Alabama.

The case may come before you for
examination and adjustment. Should this
be so I desire to say that this firm is one
in the best standing and credit in this City.
The parties are loyal and Union men and
have been so from the beginning, and I trust
that in any matter that I may come before
you for investigation their character and standing
will be duly considered.

Very Respectfully,
L. Burbank, Coz - Ins.

Hd. Qrs Dist of Alabama
Montgomery Ala. Jan'y 22nd 88

Hayden Genl
To Capt Robt Harrison
County Post of Huntville

Sir: I have the honor
to enclose herewith two copies of the Huntville
Democrat Making Citations Charges against
the Mayor of the City of Huntville. You
will please investigate and report on the same.

Very Respectfully
Sigs J Hayden
Bt Brig Genl of Comdg

War. Dept RR & A S
Washington March 20th

Fowler Wm.
To J K Nelson Esq
Supt. RR & A S. Murfreesboro Tenn.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your communication of the 26th inst
informing this Office of the death of Fender
Mathews formerly Bri Co. D. 17th U.S.C.T.
and enclose herewith his discharge papers
to enable his heirs to make application for
of Bounty due them.

Please acknowledge receipt of
discharge papers.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient servant
Wm Fowler
A A Genl

Bureau R R & A S
Adjt Office Murfreesboro Tenn
Jan'y 27th 1868

Nelson J K.
To Agt. Barr Huntville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I
send you discharge of London M. Mathews
decd formerly of Co. D. 17th U.S.C.T. whose mother
named Carolina. I have lately been informed
hires with Samuel Mathews Esq^r at or near
Huntville Ala. or that she formerly belonged
to him and is supposed to be there still.

Please find also letter from Mr Fowler
A.A.G. transmitting the discharge to me after
application was made for bounty, and the
applicant had died.

Please acknowledge receipt & oblige.

Very Respectfully Yours.

J. K. Nelson. Agt. Barr.

U.S. Dist Court. For Alabama
Office of Register in Bankruptcy
Huntville Ala. Jan'y 22nd 88

Burke J. W.
To J. R. B. Ingles J. Hayden.
Commanding Dist of Ala.

General.

I beg leave
to draw your attention of the unfortunate condition
of the sick poor among the Colored people of
this place. — Dr Fitch the Surgeon in charge
of the Freedmen's Hospital informs me that he
is instructed not to receive any more patients
and that many of these poor people are sent
away to the Civil Authorities who decline to do
anything for them and that death reigns.

them in many cases. Knowing your human
 news and great desire to do justice to all
 classes. I beg leave to bring this fact to your
 notice that some action may be taken to
 care for these poor stuff. until at least
 the winter season shall have passed.

With Great Respect Yours

Mar. Dept. B. R. F. & S. Office Chgo.
 Washington July 25 1868.

Ballock Genl. H.

To Capt Robt Harrison

Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I send you dft No 346 on P. D. & T. C. for \$188⁵⁰
 to pay Bounty Claim of Mr Isaac Asper
 Voucher enclosed. Please get them signed
 and return by Mail. Has Gen Callis left
 Huntsville? I have a few Claims to be paid
 at Athens Ala. I think Huntsville is the
 nearest place where the Bureau has an
 Agent. Am I right and can these claims
 be paid at Huntsville?

Respy Yours
 Geo H Ballock
 Bt Brig Gen & Chgo

N. O. Dir. Dist of Alabama
 Bureau B. R. F. & S.
 Montgomery Ala. July 26 1868.

Shorkley Gen. Bt Major A. A. G.
 To Captain Robt Harrison
 Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.

Captain:

Your
 Communication of the 26th inst asking for
 Authority to dispose of certain unmarketable
 stores has been received.

In view of the small return that would be
 received from the sale of relief coin and the
 amount of destitution existing in your Sub Dist
 it is believed that greater good would result from
 an issue. It is therefore desired that the coin
 be issued to destitute and accounted for
 the same as former issues of the kind.

Further Order will be given you as to what
 disposition shall be made of Bureau coin and
 By Order of Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
 Geo Shorkley
 Capt 15th Inf Bt Major A. A. G.

N. O. Dir. Dist of Ala. Bureau B. R. F. & S.
 Montgomery Ala. July 31 1868.

Shorkley Gen. Bt Major A. A. G.
 To Capt Robt Harrison. S. A. C.

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 of persons in your City who will need assistance
 from the Soup Houses ordered to be established.

By Order of
 Bt Brig Gen J Hayden
 Geo Shorkley
 Capt 15th Inf & Bt Major A. A. G.

Nd. Qrs Dist of Ala. Qrs
Montgomery Ala. Jan'y 28. 68.

Shorkley, Geo. Bt. Majr A.A.A.
D. Capt. Robt Harrison S.A.C.

Huntsville Alabama.

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Very Resp'y Yr Obedt Servt.
Geo. Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf At Majr A.A.A.

Nd. Qrs Dist of Ala. Qrs
Montgomery Ala. Jan'y 30. 68.

Shorkley, Geo. Bt. Majr A.A.A.
D. Capt. Robt Harrison S.A.C.

Huntsville Ala.

Captain:-

A Communication was refused from this Office on Dec 26th 1867. to Bt Brig Gen J. B. Callis in relation to the arrest of one Pick who was to be held till requisition could be made for him by the Civil Authorities of Pickens Co. You will please report what action has been taken in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf At Majr A.A.A.

Branch Office Freedmens Savings & Co
Huntsville Ala. January 23rd 1868.

Raines Jno H. Actg Cashr
D. Col. W. L. Eaton
Actuary Freedmens Savings & Co.
Washington D.C.

Colonel:-
I suppose you are aware that I have been clerking in the Freedmens Bureau and of the arrangement I made with Mr Harris Genl Inspector regarding the keeping of the Books at this place. General Callis has been removed from the Bureau for the reason that his friends have selected him as their representative for Congress from the 5th Congressional District of Ala. He has been ordered to his Regt at Wheelville without giving him time to settle up his business. the reason of which is to get him out of the way.

and give a rebel who is also running for Congress full sway.

I also have been relieved from duty in the Bureau for the reason that I am a friend to Gen. Wallis and an unconditional Union man, and because I cling to the principles I fought for.

The man who has charge of the Bureau at present is no friend to the Freedmen and orders the Bank to be removed out of his office.

I have concluded to remain here and run the Bank, for I am confident that it will eventually be entirely successful, provided it is properly conducted. The rebels are doing everything they can to induce depositors to withdraw their money now that Gen. Wallis has gone, but thus far they have met with no success.

The Bank must be removed from the Bureau at once and I write this for authority to rent a room which will probably cost twenty five to forty dollars per month. The rebels would like to run me out of town as they have Gen. Wallis, but I am determined to remain here if you will authorize me to rent a room and raise my wages if you can and as much as you can.

My whole time will hereafter be devoted to the bank.

Do what you can in the premises immediately.

Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Jno W. Raines
Actg Cashier

Official Copy respectfully furnished Gen. Hayden Asst Comr
of Ala. for his information
(Sigd) E. H. Halliday
A.A.A. Gen

Philadelphia Jan'y 29. 1868.

Ashman H. H.
To Capt. Robert Harrison

Or for: If Patrick Moore named in your favor of 24th Inst. will sign and fill up the enclosed order & return it to me. I will forward his Pension Certificate to him.

Yours Very Respectfully
W. H. Ashman.

State of Alabama. P.R. Fort Lande
Office Asst Comr Montgomery Feb'y 3. 1868.

Shorkley Geo. B. Major U.S.A. &
To Capt. Robt Harrison U.S.A.
Sub Asst Comr Newville Ala
Captains:-

Indigent sick Freed people will be admitted to Hospital only upon the order of the Sub Asst Commissioner.

It is desired that great care be taken that only those be admitted who cannot be cared for by their friends or by the civil authorities.

By Order of
J. Hayden
Capt 15th Inf Bt Major U.S.A.
A.A.A. Gen

State of Alabama. R. F. & A. S.
 Office Asst Com^r Montgomery Ala.
 February 6th 1868.

Shorkley, Geo. Bt. Maj^r A. A. G.
 To Capt. Robt. Harrison U. S. A.
 Sub. Asst. Com^r Moulville Ala.
 Captain:-

Will you please furnish this office
 with information of the reported removal of
 Mr. Geo. H. Rains Clerk in the Bureau at
 Moulville Ala.

Please state his general
 character his efficiency as a clerk, and to
 what extent if at all, he has been interested
 in politics.

By Order of
 Bt. Brig. Gen. J. Hayden
 Geo. Shorkley, Capt 15 Inf. Bt. Maj^r
 A. A. G.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama.
 Office Chf. G. Mr. Bureau R. F. & A. S.
 Montgomery Ala. Feb 5th 1868.

Arthur H. G. Chf. G. Mr. B.
 To Capt. Robert Harrison
 Moulville Ala.

Sir:-

Your Monthly accounts
 to Capt. H. G. for the month of January 1868, has been
 received, examined and forwarded to Major General
 O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. S.
 at Washington D. C.

By Order of Bt. Brig. Gen. J. Hayden, Asst. Com^r
 Very respectfully, Your Obedient St
 H. G. Arthur.
 Chf. G. Mr. Bureau R. F. & A. S. State of Alabama.

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama
 Office Chf. G. Mr. Bureau R. F. & A. S.
 Montgomery Ala. Feb 5th 1868.

Arthur H. G.
 To Capt. Robert Harrison
 Moulville Ala.

Sir.

Your monthly accounts
 to Mr. Store for the month of January 1868, has been
 received, examined and forwarded to Major General
 O. O. Howard, Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. S.
 at Washington D. C.

By Order of Bt. Brig. Gen. J. Hayden Asst. Com^r
 Very respectfully, Yr. Obed. Servant.
 H. G. Arthur.
 Chf. G. Mr. Bureau R. F. & A. S. State of Ala.

Head Qrs. Dist of Ala.
Office Chf. Qr. Mr. Burr State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Feby 5 1868.

Arthur W. C.
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.
Captain;

Your return of stores pertaining to Bureau
for January 1868. Abs "F" one voucher - Abs "G"
one voucher Abs "E" one voucher and Voucher No
3 to Abs "D" are herewith returned for correction
of errors as remarked.

By Command of
Lt Brig Gen J. Hayden
(sgd) W. C. Arthur
Chf Qr Mr.

Head. Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office Chf. Qr Mr. Burr State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Feb, 7 1868.

Arthur W. C.
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.
Captain.

I have this day shipped you per
So. Ex Co. ten Quins Blank Contracts as per
your requisition.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Arthur
Chf Qr Mr

Per
W.

Office Surgeon in Charge
Freedmen's Hospital
Huntsville Ala. Feby 12 1868.

Fitch E. P.
To Capt Robt Harrison U.S.A.
Sub Asst Commissioner

Sir: - I have the honor
herewith to recommend for your consideration
and disposal the bearer Amanda Dixley
Col^d who is diseased with "Consecutive Syphilis"
of several months duration and who applied to
me this morning for admission to the Hospital
under my charge.

She is now and will undoubtedly
be for some weeks unable to maintain herself by
her labor and is very much in need of medical
assistance

I have the honor to be Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
E. P. Fitch
A. A. Surgeon U.S.A.
in Charge.

State of Alabama P.R.S.M.S.
Office Supt of Education
Montgomery Ala. Feby 10th 1868.

Bush N. M.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Sub Asst Com^r Huntsville Ala.

Dr for: Enclosed please
find Transportation papers for Miss Maria
Marlington Teacher at Decatur Ala in your
Sub Dist.

The vouchers need her signature and the
Agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society which Com-
missioned her.

Respectfully Yr Obedt Servant
N. M. Bush,
Supt of Education.

Montgomery Ala. Feby 10th 1868
Beecher Edwin
To Capt Robt Harrison
Sub Asst Com^r Huntsville Ala.

Sir: I enclose my
check no 116. on New York for \$579¹⁴/₁₀₀ payable
to your order. This covers all the vouchers included
in your Account Current for January except the
following:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Moss & Solomon | 42.88 |
| Venable & Willard | 100.00 |
| D.C. Rugg (on receipt roll) | 29.77 |

The account of Moss & Solomon the Chief G. M.
object. to & says he has returned the form 25
for same amount, and requests this to be made
up to correspond with the 25 when corrected.

Mr Rugg cannot be paid until an appoint-
ment comes from Washington, and until his
oath is filed here.

We are out of funds, but are expecting
it daily. As soon as received I will form and
a check for the amount of the claim of Venable
and Willard. Will you please advise me
of the receipt of check.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
N. O.

Nicholson D.E.
To Gen. J. M. Burke
Huntsville Ala.

Lebanon Ala. Feb 1st 1868.

Dear Sir,

I write to inquire of you your opinion upon the following statement of facts. In June 67. I made application to Gen Jm B. Callis Sub Asst Commissioner &c for N. Ala. for an Order to restore to me a horse, which had been taken from my family in August 1864. by the federal Army, my family residing in this County at the time, with the rebel lines - I had left the rebel Army and was at the time the horse was taken at Toddsonville within the Federal lines, having taken the Oath of Allegiance &c. I found the horse after the surrender in the possession of a Mr Sedberg he was branded U.S. I obtained the order and M. M. Gilbreath a civilian agent of Callis executed the order and gave me my horse. I and Sedberg having a trial as to the identity of the horse, before Gilbreath. The property was declared mine and I took possession and a written order from Gilbreath giving my receipt for the horse. My Evidence on file with Gilbreath's Report of the trial; and since that time Gilbreath has come by order of Callis, so he alledged, and took the horse without restoring my receipt for the horse. - Gilbreath states that Callis claimed the horse as the property of the Bureau and has so reported him, and Gilbreath I am informed has the horse now in possession and is using him as his own. Will you have the kindness to see the agent at Huntsville and see my proof and receipt and procure

an order from Gen Hayden for the restoration of my horse. Gilbreath is a scoundrel one of Callis' Creatures and should be dismissed from his position as Agent of the Bureau for this County as he annoys everybody and swindles them and lives out of the County. I have plenty of evidence that will convince him of using his power to defraud the County by wholesale.

Please let me hear from you as I feel outraged at such treatment.

D. L. Nicholson

P.S. If Gilbreath can be dismissed it would be a source of great rejoicing by the whole County nearly every citizen in some way or other having received the grossest injustice wrong at his hands.

D. S. M.

U. S. Dist Court No Dist Ala.
Office of Register in Bankruptcy
Huntsville Ala. Feb 4th 68.

Burke J. M.
To Capt R. Marston
Sub Asst Comr.

Captain:

I beg leave to enclose the accompanying Communication from D. L. Nicholson Esq a Citizen of De Kalb County and to ask your attention to the same. Mr Nicholson is a highly respectable Citizen of this State a member of the Bar of this County of the very highest standing and in every way entitled to credit. I refer the matter to you feeling confident the subject will have justice at your hands.

Very respectfully

J. M. Burke

State of Alabama.
 Bureau R & A S.
 Office Sub Asst Comr
 Montgomery Ala. Feb 11/68.

Shorkley, Geo.
 To Captain R Harrison.
 Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.
 Captain:

Your Communication of the 8th
 Feb - also endorsement of same date upon
 Communication referred to you have been
 received.

There is no record in this office
 of any application having been made for
 revocation of appointment of Mr Reines
 as required by Circular No 24, 1867 from
 the Commissioner. Neither does your roster
 for Feb 1st indicate that he has been
 suspended, although upon your No 21
 Q. M. Dep't you say discharged Jan 21
 1868.

Presuming that Mr Reines has been
 suspended you will please forward to
 this office application for revocation
 of his appointment assigning the reason
 for asking the same.

By Order of
 1st Brig Gen J Hayden
 Geo Shorkley.

Athens Jan 28. 1868.

Childs J. N.
 To Gen Hayden

Allow me to inquire if I can send
 an ex-Federal soldier to the Hospital in Hunts
 ville. A Swede by birth a former resident
 of Iowa he was left in this neighborhood
 and is really unable to work but would be
 useful in the hospital having been made
 nurse quite often. Let the order read for
 Caleb Henson. I refer you to my friend
 Judge D. O. L.

Respectfully
 Mrs. J. N. Childs

Head Quarters Dist of Alabama,
 Office Chf 2 M. B. K. J & A S.
 Montgomery, Ala Feb 12, 1868

Arthur H. C. Chf 2 M.
 To Capt Robert Harrison
 Sub Asst Comr
 Huntsville Ala
 Captain:

You are hereby authorized to purchase
 in open market at Huntsville Ala, on the most
 advantageous terms possible, the following named
 articles, for the purpose as set forth in copy of
 enclosed order, to wit: two (2) Kettles (30 galls
 Motts Agricultural Boilers), two (2) Skimmers,
 handles about 40 inches, two (2) iron ladles,
 (1/2 gall) handles 40 inches, four (4) butchers
 knives - (12 inches) and, one (1) cleaver, sending
 bill of sale, with blank form (10/12) duplicate
 signed by the party of whom the articles were
 purchased, to this office, in order that the
 proper vouchers may be issued, after which

The articles will be regularly transferred
to you

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H. C. Anthony
Chf. Clerk

Natural Freedmen's Savings and Trust Co.
Cor 19th St & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. July 18, 1868

Eaton & S
To Capt Robert Harrison
33d Inf & 13th Regt A.S.
Montgomery Ala

Dear Sir:

I trust you will pardon me the liberty I
take in asking you to hand personally to Mr. Sa-
fayette Robinson, the Cashier of this company at
Montsville, the enclosed letter. By so doing you
will confer a favor on me which I shall not
forget. If you will advise with Mr. R. in his work,
and if you could aid him by allowing a clerk
whom you know to be trustworthy to help him in his ac-
counts, it will be of service to us, and will place me
under obligations to you. May I hear from you?

I have written this in the belief that Mr. Kaines
who has been assisting in the Bureau and the Bank
is about leaving you or has left.

Very Respectfully
D. L. Eaton
Secretary

Post Craig, N. Mexico Jan 20, 1868
Schully post, chaplain
to Subl Freedmen's Bureau
Montsville Alabama.
Sir.

Whetrick Donald Co "35" U.S.
I wish to request you to, forward
to him here his discharge papers and bounty
which he left with Major Clinton in Delly
1861 to collect. He was then and there
discharged from Co "35" U.S. It was
given through Lt C. Beggs he thinks. He
had heard of directions he says which he
lost in Small's Hospital near St Louis in
March last.

Yours Truly
Jno. Schully
Capt 35th U.S.

State of Ala, 13th Regt A.S.
Office Art Com.

Montgomery Ala. July 14, 1868

Shorkey Geo Bol May
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Com: Montsville Ala
Captain:

I have the honor to enclose herewith trans-
portation orders for Amanda Turner 1 Adult and 2
children as requested in your communication Jan 27, 68
You will please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo Shorkey
Capt 15th Inf 13th Regt A.S.
aa. ag.

Rugg, A. C.

To Brig Gen J. Maydew.

Comdg Post of Huntsville

General.

I have the honor to represent that in the month of Feb'y last, the Freedmen Bureau and Hospital at this place consumed (29) twenty nine Cords of my wood for which I have not been paid; that in the month of April last I wrote to Maj Gen Swayne calling his attention to the fact, and asking an investigation re- but received no answer. On the 20th of June last I wrote to Maj Gen Howard, stating the facts, and asking that such proceedings be had as would result in the doing of justice in the premises. To that letter I received an answer whereof the enclosed is a true Copy, the Original is in my possession. On the 24th of August following not having heard anything further of the Case, I wrote again to Gen Howard but without effect, so far as I know. On the 22nd of Nov I forwarded to Gen Swayne Certified Copies of certain Communications, Endorsements and Certificates, relative to said Wood, and requested that some action be taken in the matter, but as yet have received no reply from him. It is now nearly a year since I furnished said Wood, and I am naturally anxious to receive pay for it.

May I ask, General, that you give me the benefit of your aid in recovering the Compensation due to me for said wood or in discovering the Cause why payment is so long delayed. I should not trouble you in this matter, but it appears that my Case is hopeless unless you will kindly oblige me

Huntsville Ala. Dec 27 1867.

with your assistance.

Very Respectfully,

(Sgd)

D. C. Rugg

Copy

War Department

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Office Chief Quartermaster

Washington D.C. July 20 1867

A. C. Rugg Esq

Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

You are respectfully informed in reply to your Communication of the 20th ultimo relative to (29) twenty nine Cords of wood alleged to have been delivered for the use of the Bureau at Huntsville Ala. in the month of February 1867 that the matter has been referred to Maj Gen Swayne for investigation and report, and that on the coming in of the report called for, you will be further advised.

By Command of

Major General C. C. Howard, Commissioner

Signed Henry M. Whittelsey

C. A. M. B. & F. A. S.

Montgomery Ala. Jan 22 1868

Rugg L.C.
To Wt Brig Gen J. Haysden
Sub Asst Com' R. & F. M. S.
Montgomery Ala.
General:

Lieut Barago has just handed me the enclosed paper, relating to twenty nine cords of wood, which I furnished to the Bureau in July 1867, and not knowing what else to do with it, I respectfully forward it to you.

With high respect, your General
Your Obedient Servant
Sgt. L. C. Rugg

War Department
Bureau Refugees, Prisons and
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington D.C.

Whitley Henry M. (Chf of M. Base.)
To Hon John Wilson
Third Auditor Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It appears from the records of this Office that Lieut Col Jno B. Wallis, 7th V.R.C. Wt Brig Gen Vol and Sub Asst Commissioner Huntsville Ala received on account of the Bureau R. & F. M. S. during the month of Feb 1867 from L. C. Rugg twenty nine cords of wood, and failed to take up and account for the same as purchased and not paid for.

The Third Auditor is respectfully requested to suspend the settlement of this office's accounts until the property above mentioned has been properly accounted for.

over

By Command of
Major General C. C. Howard
Commissioner
Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Sgt. Henry M. Whitley
Chf of M. Base.

State of Alabama. R. & F. M. S.
Asst Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala Feb 22 1868

Whitley Henry M. (Chf of M. Base.)
To Capt Robt Haysden U.S.A.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala
Captain.

Your communication of the 8th inst reporting as to Camp Thomas has been received.
Orders have been given upon the Chief Quartermaster to supply the needed letters to him, and he will communicate with you upon the subject.

By Order of
Wt Brig Gen J. Haysden
Chf of M. Base.
Capt Robt Haysden U.S.A.
A. A. G.

Montgomery Ala Feb 15, 1868

Beecher, Edwin
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Comr.

Monteville Ala
Captain

I enclose check N-117 on Asst
Treas. M. in favor of Venable & Willard &
for \$100⁰⁰ in payment of their account
for January.

Please advise me of its receipt.

Very Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D.O. for Ala.

Montgomery, Ala. Feb 17 1868.

Beecher, Edwin
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Commissioner
Monteville Ala.

Sir:

Can you tell me
whether ~~and~~ J. L. Baker is now or at any time
has been an Agent of the Bureau at Ecottland
Ala. No Agent of that name is reported here
and I suppose none such exists.

This information is desired at Washington

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D.O. for Ala.

Head Quarters, District of Alabama.
Office Chief Quartermaster R. H. S. A.
Montgomery Ala. Feb 13 1868.

Arthur H. C.
To Capt Robert Harrison
Monteville Ala.

Sir:

Your monthly account
Stores Pertaining to Bureau for the month of January
has been received, examined and forwarded to
Major General O. Howard, Commissioner Bureau R.
S. A. Washington D.C.

By Order of Major General Howard, Ala.
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
H. C. Arthur

Chief of Mr. S. H. S. A. State of Alabama.

War Department R. H. S. A.

Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Feb 13 1868.

Whittelsey Henry M. Asst. M. B.
To Capt Robert Harrison D. O. C.
Monteville Ala.

Sir:

Your Monthly account
Quartermaster's Stores and Clothing Camp and
Garrison Equipage, War Department, for the month
of January 1868, have been received, examined and
forwarded to Lt Major Gen M. L. Meigs Quartermaster General
U. S. Army

By Order of Major General O. C. Howard, Ala.

Very respectfully Your Obedt Servant

Henry M. Whittelsey

Asst M. Bureau R. H. S. A.

Wd 2d Distict of Alabama
Office Chf 2d M S. & A S.

Montgomery Ala Feb 20, 1863.

Arthur W. C. Chf 2d M.

To Capt Robert Harrison

S. & A. M. Huntsville Ala

Captain.

Your prompt attention is called to provisions of enclosed circular No 10, of these Hd Qrs. The property referred to therein is "Quailemaster's Stores" only. It is desired that these transfers be made as soon as practicable. You will therefore immediately upon receipt of this, cause invoices to be made of all "Q. M. Stores" in your possession, and proceed in the regular manner to transfer these stores to the officer designated at Atlanta Ga. transporting the same on Bureau Bof L. It is necessary that copies of order authorizing transfer should accompany invoices and receipts. You are especially required to give this matter your careful attention and report your action to this office.

By Command of

Col Brig Genl J Gayden

W. C. Arthur

Chf 2d M.

Wd 2d Dist. of Alabama
Office Chf 2d M S. & A S.

Montgomery Ala Feb 22, 58

Arthur W. C. Chf 2d M.

To Capt Robert Harrison

S. & A. M. Huntsville

Captain

Referring to the letter addressed to you from this office of date 12th inst, authorizing the purchase in open market at Huntsville Ala of articles for the establishment of a Soup Kitchen you are herewith informed that unless the Shimmers, Ladders, Butcher Knives, and Cleavers have already been purchased by you, they will be transferred to you from this place, as they have already been purchased by me. Please advise this office as soon as practicable of your action in the matter.

Very Respectfully

Your ob. servt

W. C. Arthur

Chf 2d M.

Colbert Co Ala, July 12, 1868
 Honble C. Judge of Probate
 Do not deny Genl J. Hayden
 Montgomery
 Sir

In reply to interrogatories from your Mt I've some time since in relation to the destitution of the citizens of said County I have this to say, that I have taken some pains to learn the facts in relation thereto and my conclusions are that there is at this time at least 500 women and children entirely without provisions or means for subsistence, who are living from charitable contributions from their friends (I mean colored persons only) And I candidly believe before 1st July next there will be from 800 to 1000 in the same condition, numbers having died to the last ear of corn. I will further say, there appears to be a great deal of corn in the County but the Freedmen, who have corn as a general rule have nothing else, and many of them shifting homes, selling their corn at reduced prices, and others being forced to sell a portion of their corn to obtain a little meat Molasses, sugar and coffee &c and consequently will be out, and unable to extend liberality to charitable objects; and further I will state there are a good many very old and imbecile who need aid comfortable quarters and attention.

Hence you see General, that aid is and will be greatly needed, and further that it is all important that if aid should be given from the general government or any other source, that it should be placed in the hands of a good, true, competent and

honest person

I will further say our County Commissioners are willing and are doing all they can, but alas we have an impoverished treasury and no way of replenishing it and in debt withal.

Fearing that I am wearying your patience, I ask your pardon believing that I would not have discharged my duty other wise or to have continued less.

Your obt Servant,
 C. Womble
 Probate Judge.

Montgomery, Ala July 20, 1868
 Beecher Col Edwin
 To Capt Robt Harrison
 Sub-Asst Comr
 Huntsville, Ala
 Sir:

I enclose Check \$120 on New York in favor of Moses Solomon for \$12.88 in favor of their vouchers received from you this morning Will you please advise me of its receipt by you.

Respectfully
 Edwin Beecher
 Do for Ala

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refugee Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands

Montgomery Ala February 26 1868

Capt Robert Harrison USA

Sub Asst Commissioner
Huntsville Ala

Captain

I Enclose you
Circular Order No 13
which relieves you, to comply
with the Military Order
relieving you from duty at
Huntsville Ala. I also
enclose Special Order 101
directing the necessary transfer
of Property. Please notify this

Office of the date of
the transfer and of your
being relieved by Mr Huggs
By Order of
Bvt Brig Gen A Hayden
Col Shunkley
Capt 13th Infy

Bvt Major USA
A.A.S.G.

Office Bureau R. F. & A.S.
Sub Dist of Corinth
Corinth Feb, 29th 1868

Agent Bureau R. F. & A.S.
Huntsville Ala

Sir

Complaint has been made
to this office by Citty
Annelle and Mary Kindle (Colored
women. That P Taylor formerly
Section foreman on the Mobile
and Ohio Rail Road owes them
for four months work (ad 13¢ per
month \$6.00) these women
cooked for his hands while
on the Mobile & Ohio R.R. P
Taylor went to Mobile
authorized to draw their pay
and when he returned he told
them that he did not get it
but afterwards admitted in
presence of witnesses that he
did get their money. He is
now supposed to be near
Huntsville as a Section foreman
on the Memphis & Charleston R.R.
This case is respectfully referred
to you for such action as you
may deem necessary in the
premises.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt
J. W. Wheaton
Capt 34th U.S. Infantry
Bvt Lt Col USA S.A.C.

Walter County Ala. Feb 12/65.
 Honble. C. M. Judge
 R. Geo. J. Hayden
 Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir:

In reply to
 intimation from your Head Quarters some
 time since in relation to the destitution of
 of said County.

I have this to say that I have
 taken some pains to learn the facts in relation
 thereto and my conclusions are that there is
 at this time at least 500 Women and Children
 entirely without means or provisions for subsistence
 and who are living from charitable contributions
 from their friends (I mean colored persons only)
 and I candidly believe before the 1st of July next
 there will be from 500 to 1000 in the like con-
 dition numbers having divided to the last ear
 of Corn. I will further say that there appears
 to be a great deal of Corn in the County
 but the freedmen who have Corn as a general
 rule have nothing else & many of them splitting
 houses selling that Corn at reduced prices
 & others being forced to sell a portion of their corn
 to obtain a little meal, molasses sugar &
 Coffee &c &c. Consequently will be out of
 all able to extend liberality to charitable objects
 & further I will state there are a great many
 very old & infirm who need aid & comfortable
 quarters & attention.

Hence you see General
 that aid is and will be greatly needed
 and further that it is very important that
 if aid should be given from the General
 Government or any other source that it
 should be placed in the hands of a

good true & competent humane person.
 I will further say our County Commissioners
 is willing and are doing all the can but alas we
 have an impoverished Treasury & no way of replen-
 ishing it and in debt withall. Pleading that I
 am straining your patience I ask your pardon
 believing that I would not have discharged my
 duty sotherwise or to have written less.

Your obedient Servant,

C. Hambro

Notary Judge

Bureau R I & H. Office Smithson Com.
 Athens Ga. Feb 17/65.

And Mr. J. S. A. Com.
 R. Geo. J. Hayden
 U. S. A. S. Bu R I & H.
 Atlanta Ga.

General: I have the honor to apply for transpor-
 tation for Cyrus Campbell 60 years old & Phoebe
 Campbell 75 years from Athens Ga. to Shilohville
 Ala. they are too old to work and are dependant
 on the Government for support. their son Scipio
 B. Simmons living at or near Shilohville Ala. has
 written them stating that could the find a way
 to get to him. he will support them both. he is
 keeping a farm and is able to do so.

S. E. B. y.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant
 Mr. J. Knox
 Justices Court

Head. Quarter Dist of Alabama.
Office Chf. Q. M. R. I. & A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Feb 15 1868.

Arthur M. C.
To Captain Robt. Harrison
A. C. Q. M. Huntsville Ala.
Captain:

Enclosed find duplicate Invoices and
blank receipts of "Stores pertaining to Bureau"
this day shipped to your address.
Please return signed receipt at your
earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. H. C. Arthur
Chf. Q. M.

State of Alabama. R. I. & A. S.
Office Ala. S.
Montgomery Feb 25 1868.

Arthur M. C.
To Capt Robert Harrison
A. C. J. & C. Huntsville Ala

Provisions (Bureau Stores) Received for the month of
January 1868. have been received examined and
forwarded to Bt Brig Gen G. H. Ballock Chf. Q. M. Bureau
R. I. & A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of Bt Brig Gen J. Taylor Asst Com
Very Respectfully Your obedient Servt
M. C. Arthur
A. C. J. Bureau R. I. & A. S.
State of Alabama

War. Department.

Bureau R. I. & A. S. Office Chf. Q. M.
Washington D. C. Feb 25 1868.

Whittlesey A. M. Chf. Q. M. Bureau
To Capt Robert Harrison
Sub Asst Com Huntsville Ala.

Sir:-
Your Property account "Stores pertaining to
Bureau R. I. & A. S." for the month of January 1868.
has been received examined, and forwarded to the
Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination
and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen C. C. Howard, Com:
Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf. Q. M. Bureau R. I. & A. S.

Quartermaster General's Office.
Clothing and Outfitage
Washington D. C. Feb 28 1868.

Perry Alex. J.
Bt Brig Gen. Q. M. U. S. A.
To Capt Robert Harrison 33rd U. S. Inf
Sub Asst Commissioner Huntsville Ala.

Sir:-
Your Return of Clothing and Camp & Garrison
Equipage rendered as B. A. Com. R. I. & A. S. for
latter part of January 1868. has been received
and examined at this office, and sent to the
Second Auditor of the Treasury for Settlement

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
By Order of the Q. M. General
Alex. J. Perry
Bt Brig Gen & A. M. J. A.

State of Alabama. R. & A. S.
Office Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala. July 24th.

Shorkley Geo.
To Capt Robert Harrison U.S.A.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montville Ala.

Captain:

The Assistant Commissioner has been informed by Major General Howard Com^d that Complaints have been made that Agents recently appointed upon his request have used their influence to defeat the Constitution submitted to the people of this State for ratification. He feels that it is due to the Character of the Army, as well as to your honor as an Officer that you should be advised of this deception.

You will forward to this Office Statements from the most prominent Citizens of your section - whose sympathies are well known to be in accord with the Congressional plan of Reconstruction (and who can take the Test Oath) setting forth your "work and conversation" while you have been among them, and their Opinion upon the Charge, so far as it relates to your Conduct.

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Geo J. Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj U.S.A.
A. A. S.

State of Alabama. R. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala. March 2 1868.

Shorkley Geo. S.
To Bt Brig. Sub Asst Com^d.
Montville Alabama.
Sir:

By virtue of your appointment dated War Department Bureau R. & A. S. Washington D. C. July 26th 1868. You are hereby assigned to duty as Sub Asst Commissioner for the Sub District of Montville comprising the Counties of Colbert, De Kalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan.

You are hereby empowered to exercise and perform within the limits of your Sub District all the powers and duties of the Asst Commissioner except such as by regulations and Orders devolve upon that Officer, alone.

You will execute and return the enclosed Oath.

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf & Bt Maj U.S.A.
A. A. S.

Office Depot Quartermaster
Atlanta Ga. March 2 1868

Farnsworth Lt. H. J.
To Capt Robt Harrison 33rd Inf
Sub Asst Commissioner
Maulsville Ala.

Capt I am in receipt of your Invoice of February 21st
upon which I have received

Two (2) Horses

Two (5) Mules

One (1) Army Wagon (without Bed)
the remaining article viz:

One Horse Bucket

Two (2) Breast Chains

One (1) Wagon Saddle... called for in
your Invoice have not been received.

The above list includes all the articles delivered
to me by the person in charge.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

H. J. Farnsworth

Rank 34th Infantry
In Charge of Depot

State of Alabama. R.S. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. March 2 68.

Shorkley Maj Gen.

to D C Rugg

Actg Sub Asst Commissioner

Maulsville Ala.

Sir: By direction of the Asst Commissioner I enclose
you Pension Certificate No. 103594, in favor of
Patsy Wife of W. A. R. Simmons declared Pri
Co's 42nd U.S.C.T.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant
J. H. Shorkley

Capt 15th Infy & Bt Maj, U.S.A.

A. A. A. Genl

War Department R.S. & A.S.
Washington Feb 29 68.

Whittlesey C., A.A.S.G.

To Capt Robt Harrison S.A.C.

Maulsville Alabama

Sir: Your statement of Provisions recd transp and
distributed under Joint resolution of Congress
Approved March 30 67. To prevent starvation & for
the month of January 1868. have been received and
Examined at this office and sent to the Third Auditor
of the Treasury for settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Very respectfully, &c

E. Whittlesey

A.A.S.G.

War. Department. B.R.T. & A.S.
Office Chief Qu. Master Lt.
Washington D.C. March 6th 68.

Ballock Gen. Genl.

To D. C. Rugg. Agent
Maulsville Ala.

Sir:
Enclosed, I send you draft No 434 on P.D. &
T. Co. for \$240⁰⁰ and also my check No 467 on
U. & West Bank at New York for \$300⁰⁰ to pay
the following claimants as per Voucher enclosed
Anderson M. Auler. 240⁰⁰
Elijah Higgins 300⁰⁰
The claimant Elijah Higgins is living at
Brownsville Texas and I thought best to
send check on New York.

Respectfully &c

Gen. W. Ballock

Bt Brig Gen schiff

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State of Alabama B.R.T. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. March 6th 68.

Shorkley Gen. Bt Maj U.S.A.

To D. C. Rugg. Sub Asst. Com.

Maulsville Ala.

Sir:
Referring to your report of investigation of destitute
in Collier County of March 3rd 1868.

The assistant Commissioner desires that such
relief as may be practically given in the usual
manner will be given to such destitutes as require
it - the issue to be made from the Bureau
supply of Corn now on hand. It would be best
to have the Corn ground into meal before issue.

The issue will be accounted for under Act
of Congress of March 30th 1867.

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen J. H. Magdon
J. H. Shortley
Capt 15th Inf. Bt Maj. U.S.A.
A. A. A. S.

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State of Alabama B.R.T. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala. March 6th 68.

Shorkley Gen. Bt Maj U.S.A.

To D. C. Rugg.

Sub Asst. Commissioner

Maulsville Alabama.

Sir:
The following letter of inquiry has been recd
at this office:

Washington D.C. Feb 20th 68.

Sir:
Can we hear of Lena Bell's children sold
at different times, Malinda Monday and her
children owned by Miss Mary E. Bronaugh,
Lavina, Daniel, Ann, and Cinda Monday,
Andrew Jackson Lolaw Ann and Lucy Bell
sold by their Master Wm. B. Stone of Stafford Co. Va.
(Sgd) S. V. Lawrence. M. C.

The Asst. Commissioner desires you to make
inquiries in relation to these freed people and
forward to this Office any information you may
receive.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
J. H. Shortley
Capt 15th Inf. Bt Maj U.S.A.
A. A. A. S.

Head Qrs District of Ala.
Office, Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Mch 5 '68.

Arthur H. C.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Muskville Ala.

Sir:
Your Monthly accounts "Stores pertaining to
Bureau" for the month of February 1868, has
been received, examined & forwarded to Major
General O. O. Howard, Commissioner Bureau
R. I. & A. S. at Washington D. C.

By Order of B. I. & A. S. J. Hayden, U. Com.
Very Respectfully Yr. O. Servant
H. C. Arthur.
Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.

Office Depot & Despatching Co. Mr.
Atlanta Ga. Mch 6 " 1868.

Harnsworth H. J.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Sub Asst Comr B. I. & A. S.
Muskville Alabama.

Captain: I herewith Enclose my Receipts
(in duplicate) for Q. M. Stores Corresponding
to Your Services of Feb 27 " 1868, also duplicate
bill lading for same shipment.
Since the date of my last letter the
missing articles have come to hand excepting
the Wagon bed.

Very Respectfully Your O. Servant
H. J. Harnsworth
1st Litch 34 " Dup
In Chg. of Depot

Head Qrs District of Alabama
Office, Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Mch 5 " 1868.

Arthur H. C.
To D. C. Rugg.
Actg Sub Asst Comr
Muskville Ala.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith an
assortment of Blank Forms to be used by you
in accounting for Subs Stores coming into your
possession for purposes of Relief and also
the manner of the applicatin and expenditure
thereof. To-wit:

1- Return of Provision recd issued &c. a
monthly return to be made and forwarded with
in first days after the expiration of the month for
which due.

2- Abstract of Subs Stores recd from the
A. C. S. of the Post during the month. This
abstract is compiled from the issues made
to you on Ration Returns and is Voucher No 1.

3- Abstract of Articles manufactured.
This Abstract shows the quantity of
Bread and Soup manufactured during the month
and accompanies the Return as Voucher No 2.

The expenditure to be shown on it are
those of the actual quantity of articles of each
kind used in the manufacture and is to be given
for the purpose of showing the component parts
of the soup. These expenditures are not carried
to the Return from this abstract.

4- Abstract of Issues. Specifies the
number, Status, and Color of Beneficiaries
and the Quantity issued (issued) to them.

It is to be rendered on a detailed form
Weekly, and in a Condensed form Monthly.

Head Qrs. District of Ala.
Office, Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Mch 5 '68.

Arthur H. L.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Muskelle Ala.

Sir:

Your Monthly account "Stores pertaining to
Bur haul" for the month of February 1868, has
been received, & examined & forwarded to Major
General O. C. Howard, Commissioner Bureau
R. I. & A. S. at Washington, D. C.

By Order of Wt. Br. Gen J. H. Hayden, U. Com.
Very Respectfully, Yr. Obedt Servant
H. L. Arthur.
Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.

Office Depot & Disbursing Co. Mr.
Atlanta Ga. Mch 6 "1868.

Harnsworth H. J.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Sub Asst Comr R. I. & A. S.
Muskelle Alabama.

Captain: I herewith Enclose my Receipts
(in duplicate) for Q. M. Stores Corresponding
to Your Quittances of 4th & 27th 1868, also duplicate
bill lading for same shipment.

Since the date of my last letter the
missing articles have come to hand excepting
the Wagon bed.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
H. J. Harnsworth
1st Lieut 34th Inf
In Chg. of Depot

Head Qrs. District of Alabama
Office, Chf. Q. M. B. & A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. Mch 5 "1868.

Arthur H. L.
To D. L. Rugg.
Actg Sub Asst Comr
Muskelle Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an
assortment of Blank Forms to be used by you
in accounting for Subs Stores coming into your
possession for purposes of Relief and also
the manner of the application and expenditure
thereof. To-wit:

1- Return of Provision recd issued &c. a
monthly return to be made and forwarded with
in five days after the expiration of the month for
which due.

2- Abstract of Subs Stores recd from the
A. C. S. of the Post during the month. This
abstract is compiled from the issues made
to you on Ration Returns and is Voucher No 1.

3- Abstract of Articles manufactured.
This Abstract shows the quantity of
Bread and Soup manufactured during the month
and accompanies the Return as Voucher No 2.

The expenditure to be shown on it are
those of the actual quantity of articles of each
kind used in the manufacture and is to be given
for the purpose of showing the component parts
of the soup. These expenditures are not carried
to the Return from this Abstract.

4- Abstract of Issues. Specifies the
number, Status, and Color of Beneficiaries
and the Quantity issued (issued) to them.

It is to be rendered on a detailed form
Weekly, and in a condensed form Monthly.

as Voucher No 3.

5. Abstract of Articles Expended. -
Shows the Quantity of Articles Expended during
the month. It accompanies the Return as
Voucher No 4. It is believed that this Series of
Returns & Vouchers will meet the desired end
in furnishing all necessary Statistical infor-
-mation Concerning the Relief afforded
and the amount of expenditures made in
rendering the same.

I am Very Resptly

M. C. Arthur
A. G. Bureau.

War Department B. O. O. L.
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington D. C.
Feb 28 1868.

Ballock Gen. H.
To Capt Robt Harrison
Muntville Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed please
find draft No 415 on P. S. & Co for \$ 630 00
to pay the following Claimants as per
Voucher Enclosed.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Nancy Jane Whittman | 295 28 |
| Robt Allen | 193 20 |
| Alfred Munn | 142 20 |
| Total | 630 68 |

Respect Your Obedt Servant
Geo W Ballock
Bt Brig Genl &
Chief D. O.

War Department B. O. O. L.
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington March 5 1868.

Ballock Gen. H.

To D. C. Rugg.
Muntville Ala.

Sir:

Supposing you were at Athens Ala. I send
you list of Claimants whose claims have been
adjusted and are now ready for payment
at this Office.

You will please send for the
list and do what you can with it.
Is there an Agent now at that place.
Respectfully Yr Obedt Servt
Geo W Ballock
Bt Brig Genl & Chief D. O.

Independence Miss March 6 1868.

Grady W. W.
To D. C. Rugg.
Sir:

Yours of the 24th Inst. to hand
I am glad to know that you have among
packages directed to George Peak in my care
I received a letter from George a
few days ago in which he informs me he
has abandoned the idea of returning to Miss-
he is living at Jonesboro. Consequently I want
you to return the Package to me immediately
by Express at my Cost in care of H. J. Price
Coel Water Miss & Tenn. At Miss and
by so doing you will oblige.
W. W. Grady

State of Alabama
Bureau R. I. & A. S. & Co.
Office Sub. West Commission.
Montgomery Feb. 17/88.

Shortley Geo B. Maj. U.S.A.
To Mr. D. C. Rugg.
Clerk Bureau R. I. & A. S. & Co.
Moundsville Ala.

Sir: In compliance with orders from the Commission
Copy of which is enclosed - you are hereby design-
ated to act as Disbursing Officer for the
payment of bounties to Colored Soldiers.
You will report by letter to Bt Brig Gen
Geo W Ballock Chief Disbursing Officer Bureau
R. I. & A. S. & Co. at Washington D.C. - and will proceed
to Athens Ala. and open an office at that
place.

You will employ a reliable clerk, making
application through the proper Officer for his
appointment by the Commissioner.

You will discharge this duty in addition
to your present duties - it not being practicable
to relieve you from the Office at Moundsville
at present.

By Order of

Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Geo Shortley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj U.S.A.
(a, a, a, a)

War Department B. I. & A. S. & Co.
Washington D.C. Feb. 12/88.

Whittlesey E.
(a, a, a, a)
Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Asst Commissioner Ala.
General.

The Commissioner directs that you assign
to Athens Ala. a good, honest, and efficient
Officer or Agent, who may act as Disbursing
Officer to pay bounties to Colored Soldiers.
Order him to report at once by letter to
B. B. Gen Geo W Ballock Chief Disbursing Officer
of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
(Sg.) E. Whittlesey
(a, a, a, a)

Official Copy
Geo Shortley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj U.S.A.
(a, a, a, a)

War Department "B. I. & A. S. & Co."
Office Chief Dis Officer
Washington Feb. 22/88.

Ballock Gen Geo W.
To D. C. Rugg. Agh
Athens Ala.

Sir: I have received
yours of Feb 20th & enclose you a list of claims that are ready
for payment. I think some previous list were sent to
Moundsville. As fast as you can find any claimant &
identify him send me his name, Co., Regt. & no of Cer-
tificate (when you have it) and I will at once send
you vouchers. Let me know what kind of Pouches
you can best use. I can send you drafts

on New York, Memphis or Nashville.
I will send whichever you can convert
into money at the best advantage.

Respectfully Yours
Geo H Balcock
St Br, Ga.

Decatur Ala. 3/1. 68.

Baker (R.P.)
De Com Officer Indian Bu.
Muntville Ala.

Dear Sir: I have the honor of herewith forwarding for
your inspection and decision the claim of Ellis Mosely
(Co's) and Mr Lorigaw.

The said Mosely claims that
on or about the 6th day of January 68. he departed
with said Lorigaw about 120 bushels Corn
and some fodder &c and was to receive 1/3
of the crop for the ensuing year, but finding
that it was impossible for him to live with
the said Lorigaw in peace informed him
that he intended to get another home and
did so. whereupon he was denied the right
of removing the said Corn &c settling up
a bill of charges &c

The matter was brought
before Justice Banks, and I believe referred
since he has placed the matter in my hands
as Deputy Sheriff, and desires restitution.

I suggested to Mr Lorigaw that the subject
be left to arbitration but he refused to do so
and I now ask in behalf of said Mosely
that you give me an order demanding
the same, with power to get the Corn &c
as the negro is in need of the same.

Herewith I transmit Mr Lorigaw

claim, which you will perceive is very extravagant
and not within the bounds of Law or Equity, but
with a view to track Corn for his own use Mr Lorigaw
is not disposed to do right in this matter, and I
would respectfully suggest that his claim be not
allowed, as he had the service of Ellis Mosely
over a month.

Yrs Respectfully,
R. P. Baker,
Deputy Sheriff.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D. C. Feb 24 68.

Thomas Chas.
De. Capt. Robt Harrison
33rd U S Infy Muntville Ala.
Sir:

Your Return of Q. M. Stores as A. S. A. Com^r
at Muntville Ala. for the month of January
1868. has been received through Bureau D. S. & A. S.
and when examined will be sent to the Third
Auditor of the Treasury for settlement of which
you will be duly notified.

By Order of the acting Quartermaster Genl
Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Chas. Thomas
A. S. M. Genl. St. May Genl.

Head Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office Chf G. M. B. R. F. & S.
Montgomery Ala. Mch 9th 1868

Arthur, W. C.
To D. S. B. Rugg
Sub Asst Commr
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:- Invoices of stores transferred to you on 15th Ulh is herewith returned, as I was compelled to make Certified Invoices of this Stationery file with my return for February 1868. You will make the Original Invoices Vouchers to your March Return with Certificate on the face of invoices showing date of receipt of stores &c

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
W. C. Arthur
Chf G. M.

Baker R. P.
To D. S. B. Rugg S. A. C.

Decatur, Ala 3/12 1868.

Yours of the 11th inst. Contents noted. The matter Masely vs. Lorigan was first brought before Justice L. S. Banks, and he referred the case to the Agent at Huntsville (Frederick Bureau), directing Col J. B. Callis with instructions to give the letter to the proper person. Col Callis informed Justice Banks a few days later that he had done so. The Magistrate took no official action, but merely referred to the Bureau. For its action. Mr Lorigan first claimed a damage

See E. B. 10.

Yrs

R. P. Baker D. S.

Susculum Ala. May 24 1868

Green, J. N.
St. Louis Peyton Colored,
Bridgetown Va

Sir Some months since I recd a communication through the Bureau in relation to your daughter Evalua. I immediately went and saw her in person. She was very elated at the idea of getting home to see you and in a short time thereafter came to town and stayed some four months at my house awaiting for you to send her money to travel home on and none came and a few days since she returned home to her old Master there to await for you to send her funds to my care to enable her to pay her way from that point to your home. I declined the communication recd last fall through the Bureau and fearing it never reached you is the cause of this note which you will please answer immediately and relieve the anxiety of your Daughters

Respectfully
J. N. Green. Engr
B. R. F. & S.

Bureau Refugee N. V. A. S.

Ad Genl. Sub Dist Virginia
Friedenkeburg Feb 28 1868

Johnson James. Sub Asst Comr
To Abaj Genl. O. D. Howard Comr &c.

Genl

I have the honor to request information as to whether J. N. Green is an Agent of the Bureau, as represented in the within letter.

See E. B. 11. & 22.

Very Resp^{ly}

James Johnson S. A. C.

Baker R.P.

To S. B. Rugg

Sub Asst Commissioner

Muncksville Ala.

Decatur, Ala. 3/4 1868.

Your letter of this date was shown Justice Banks, and he says it is a case over which he has no jurisdiction, or if the case is tried he will be only able to give judgment in favor of Morely for the difference claimed. I contended that it is not a debt, but a case of "unlawful detainure" and as such Banks is bound to have Lorigan give up the Corn. Am I not right?

To give judgment would be a virtual giving away the Corn. (or stealing it)

Yours respectfully
R. P. Baker.

Decatur, Ala. March 14th 68.

Banks, L. B.

To S. B. Rugg

Muncksville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Mr R. P. Baker has handed me a paper in which you direct that I am to investigate a case of Morely vs Lorigan. This case has been before me, and I did not act upon it, because Morely wants a more summary process than the Civil law allows me to give. — as the Military order now stands no Civil Officer can collect money until January 1869. And Morely has Corn at Lorigan's — which the latter refuses to give up unless his ye vs Morely is first paid. (I considered his ye an extortion.)

and advised Morely in order to obtain a more summary process to take his case before the Bureau at Huntsville, and I wrote to Gen. Callis for him on the subject. I saw the Gen^l a few days afterward and he informed me my letter had been rec^d — and that he had turned over to the Officer in Command, and that it would be attended to in a few days. I believe Lorigan is in the wrong and in order to give Morely speedy justice (which he needs) I think may be had for him if you will have Lorigan cited to Huntsville. He will settle without difficulty.

Yours respectfully,
L. S. Banks.

Athens Ala. March 16th 68.

Rogers, Jno Lee

To Col. S. B. Rugg

Muncksville Ala.

Dear Sir:

Your favor in ^{re} with printed matter is to hand. There are many negroes here who hold recpts like the following, and desire to know when they will be paid:

Athens Ala. Mch 25th 67

This day rec^d of Raudall Hines of Cost H, 110 Regt of U. S. C. Infy, the discharge papers for the purpose of prosecuting his claims for Bounties through Chipman Hoerner & Co. Washington D. C.

Chas. A. Beckwith

Rec^d of Abner Allen his discharge from the Army of the U. S. as a member of the 110 Regt U. S. C. for the purpose of collecting bounty.

Brickell & Wilson

As yet I have not been able to procure a Table or Desk for my office. There is nothing of the sort to be had in this place. have bought

a water Cane & two Chairs, and borrowed
a small table for a short time. I thought
perhaps you might send me some thing in your place
that you could send me.

Your Early reply will much oblige
Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
John Lee Rogers.
Clerk B.R.F. & A.L.

Atkins Ala. Dec 17 1868.

Rogers John Lee.

P. O. L. C. Rugg.

Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Banner the Mayor of this City has applied
to me to know whether or not he could buy a
horse for Freedman James Smith on the faith
of the payment of his bounty claim. I hold
the receipt for his discharge, given by A. B. Becker.
P. S. I told him that he might buy the
horse but at his own risk, with the note to
be paid off by this Office.

Very Respectfully,
John Lee Rogers
Clerk B.R.F. & A.L.

State of Alabama, B.R.F. & A.L.
Office Chief Assistant Officer.
Montgomery Ala. March 11 1868.

Becker Edward.

P. O. L. C. Rugg.

Sub Asst Commissioner

Montgomery Ala.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Check no 128, on New York
for \$632.40 in payment of the following vouchers
Account Current for Pay except Receipt Roll
of Employees. 530.91

Voucher due you for wood purchased in 1867 - 101.50 - \$132.40.
The Receipt Roll and Report Form 2 & 15 are
returned for correction and the vouchers of Mr. Laines
He being retained as clerk must appear on form
2 and this should also be paid on the receipt roll.

Please acknowledge receipt of Check.

Respectfully,
Edward Becker,

P. O. for A. L. C.

Atkins Ala. March 17 1868.

Rogers J. L.

P. O. L. C. Rugg.

Sir:

Freedman America Brown a
private of Capt Robert M. Miles Co. S. 110th Regt U.S.C. 7,
who was enrolled the 8th day of December 1863. He served
three years or during the war and was discharged
the 16th day of February 1866. at Huntsville Ala.
has left his discharge with me to collect.

Shall I hand it back to him or send it per
mail to you. On the corner of the discharge is
written in red ink: Paid in full Feb 9th 1866.

Wm Perin Clarke

P. M. U.S. A.

Very Respectfully, John Lee Rogers

Head. Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office of G. M. Adams State of Ala.
Montgomery March 11/48

Arthur M.
To D. B. Rugg.
Sub Asst. Comm.
Huntsville Ala.

Accounts in favor of,
"Merford & Timberlake" for articles pertaining to
Soup Kitchen forwarded by you to this office is
herewith returned for to you for Compliance
with instructions contained in letter from
this office of date 12th ult. You will please
make new accounts as directed in said letter
and forward them together with signed receipts
to correspond to the office without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. C. Arthur
Chf. of M.

War. Department RR & A S
Office of Asst. Officer
Washington D.C. March 11/48.

Ballou, Geo. H.
To D. B. Rugg. Asst.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
Your letter of March 10th has been received, until
otherwise directed I shall send all matters pertaining
to Counties at Decatur, Athens & Huntsville to
you for adjustment. You can make application
as you have heretofore done for any of these claimants
that you can find, and the vouchers and money
will be sent to you. I do not suppose Athens
is an exception to the general rule, when speaking
of Speculators & sharpers. I require all the wits
of all hands to protect the colored men.
They seem to have a natural propensity
to run into the clutches of these land sharpers, as a
moth does to fly into a lighted candle. I
am very glad that you are fully alive to the
emergency of the case. Go on and don't
let the shysters out general you.

There is a man at Courtland (J. L. Baker)
who signs his name as actg. Asst. of the Bureau.
He is Brother is a claim agent. Do you
know any thing about of this man

Respectfully Yours &c
Geo. W. Ballou
Asst. Gen. & Chf. S.

Bohmar Miss. March 20th 68.

Mauler Anderson

To L. C. Rugg

Huntsville Ala.

Sir

Yours of 10th inst at hand and Contents noted. I am unable to come to Huntsville to draw my money. therefore please forward the Check for my signature and I will then return it for the money with directions for the remittance of same.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Anderson Mauler

Athens Ala. March 21st 1868.

Rogers J. L.

To L. C. Rugg

Sir

A gentleman (Mr Hayes) of this place has a negro boy who was abandoned by his mother about the time Roddy's Command was here. She left him without home or provisions, this gentleman took him and has according to his statement taken good care of him. fed and clothed him well for this labor. the boy is about 13 years of age and would at any time be induced to leave his benefactor. Now the question is Can the gentleman get any kind of a written document from the Bureau. Compelling this boy to remain with him, he does not wish him bound, but simply asks whether or not he could get something from the Bureau. preventing his going away. I think not.

Very Respectfully
John Lee Rogers
AKB R to AL

Athens Ala. March 22nd 1868

Rogers J. L.

To L. C. Rugg

Huntsville Ala.

Sir

Mingo Murdeman of Co K 110th Regt USCT has shown me a receipt for his discharge papers, his name is not on the list you sent me. What shall I say to him? I have also been shown a receipt of this kind.

This day recd of Harry Smith the Claims for bounty &c due to Elisha & Thomas Smith to be prosecuted by Chipman Horner &c. Washington & C. Ch^o A. Beckert.

Harry says that they belonged to the 111th Regt. They are both dead (Elisha & Thomas) Elisha was a son-in-law & Thomas brother to Harry Smith. Elisha's Mother is living her name is Catharine Smith. Can anything be done with it?

Harry Smith again desires to know if he can get anything for his discharge, he states that he belonged to the 111th Regt Co A. He thinks and lost his discharge papers. were worn out in his pocket.

Enclosed please find two Orders Randall Hines & Wesley West. for money due them from the United States for service in the War of 1861.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
John Lee Rogers
AKB R to AL

State of Alabama, Bureau
Montgomery, Feb 23 1868.

Shorkley Geo.
No 5, C. Rugg.
Sub Ass't Commr
Maulsville, Ala.

Sir:

Your Communication of the 20th inst
relating to Expenses attending the Conduct
of Soup Kitchen has been received.

Col Arthur A.C. of the Bureau
is on his way, if not already reached your
place. He will give you all needed
Counsel and direction in the Matter.

By Order of C. J. Hargrave
Rt Brig Gen
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf & B Maj
A.A.C.

State of Alabama Bureau
Office Chf D.O.
Montgomery Feb 23

Beecher, Edwin
No 5 C. Rugg.

Sir:

I enclose my check
on New York No 130, for \$258 in payment
of your receipt roll for February less
the amt due yourself.

It appears ~~no~~ your appointment
can be found for you until the 26th of Feb.
Before we can pay an appointment must
be made from Washington. Application
will be made immediately for an order
to cover the whole time during which
you have been engaged.

please acknowledge receipt of Check.

Respectfully

Edwin Beecher
Jr for A.C.

Care P.O. Box 100 Decatur, Ala
March 24th 1868.

Benagh, James
No 12, C. Rugg.
Maulsville Ala
Colonel:

A day or two ago I received from the Bureau
of A.D. & A.D. a Communication, dated Washington
DC March 13th 1868, of which the following is a Copy
"Sir. Referring to your Communication of January 1st 1868,
"asking if any relief can be had by the heirs of the
"Estate of the late Thomas H. Hobbs in shape of com-
"pensation for loss of stock and damage done while
"occupied by Federal Troops. I am directed by the
"Commissioner to inform you, that he knows of no
"way to obtain any relief in this case, other than by
"bringing the matter before the Court of Claims."

The date of this Communication, coinciding with
about the probable date of the reception of my testimony
and your report upon the occupation of the Hobbs
property by the Bureau, induces a supposition that these
last named papers have been received at Washington
and their contents examined. May I beg that you will
inform me if you have received any information or
instruction as to the action of the Bureau in the matter of
the rents of the plantation, or shall I consider this
letter an answer in full to the whole of my Communica-
tions of Jan 1st 1868, in reference to the "rents" as well as to
the "loss of stock and damage done while" &c

I have the honor to be very Resptly &c
James Benagh.

Fort Clark Tex
March 13th 1868.

Agt RR & A.S.
Moundsville Ala.

Sir.

A man of my Company
(G) of the 41st Infantry employed Messrs Alkin &
Becker then of Athens of Ala. to collect his
bounty for him in 1866. His name is Addison
Key & he was formerly a soldier in the 110th U.S.C.
Although his address was sent to the firm
above specified he has heard nothing from them
(and holds a receipt for his discharge). I
would request you to take the matter in hand
in justice to a worthy man.

Very respectfully

L. Johnson
Bt Lt Col. U.S.A.
Post adgt.

War. Department RR & A.S.
Office Chief Dis Officer
Washington March 24th 68.

Ballou Geo. H. C. D. O.
To D. C. Rugg.
Moundsville Ala.

Sir.

Enclosed please find draft No. 469
on F.S. & T. Co. for \$238.²⁶/₁₀₀ to pay bounty
due Edward Smith as per voucher enclosed.

Respectfully

Your obedient Servant
Geo H Ballou.
Bt Brig Genl.
& Chf D. O.

Athens Ala. March 26th 1868.

Rogers, Jno. Lee.
To D. C. Rugg.
Moundsville Ala.

Dr Sir:

I have failed to ask you whether or not
it is necessary to take the receipts and keep
them I find a name or the list and take their
order. I mean the attorney's receipt for their
discharge papers. I have been in the habit
of handing it back to them.

Enclosed is James Stanes order for cash
due him from the United States for his services
as "Corporal" also Geo Malone. George wants
prison money in addition he says he was in
prison 8 months.

Please send me some Postage stamps

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
Jno Lee Rogers.

State of Alabama.
Bureau R F S A S
Montgomery March 26. 68.

Shorthley Geo.
To. A. C. Ruggs.
Sub Arch Commissioner
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: The authority given you to act as
Disbursing Officer at Athens Ala. by letter
from this Office dated Feb'y 17th 1868
is hereby recalled. Mr. J. H. W. Mills
having been appointed for that duty by
the Commissioner will release you
and to whom you will turn over all papers
pertaining to the Office.

You will take up and account
for the necessary expenditures per-
taining to his office upon your regular
property returns for your subdist.

By Order of
Bt Brig Gen J. Hayden
Gen Shorthley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj U.S.A.
A.A.C.

Courtland, Ala. Mch 27. 68.

Baker, J. C.
To. Hon A. C. Ruggs.
Sub Arch Commr.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: Your favor of the 26th was received
by this morning mail and contents
noted. In reply I have the honor to
state that on the 5th of August 1867. I recd
a communication from the S. C. O.

L. B. Gevin. acty agt of the Bureau (a copy of
enclosure). empowering me to act as agent
of the Bureau for Lawrence County, and
very reluctantly. I consented to act, and I
did not consent until urged by many persons
Black & white to act as agent as a matter
of convenience to them. Mr Gevin lives
in Moulton sixteen miles from this place
and thirty two miles from the western
portion of the County and it was very
expensive and troublesome for persons
living in the valleys to go to Moulton to
attend to business before the Bureau
and Mr Gevin told me that he could
not come down to Courtland to attend
to every little case that might arise. I
told him that I was willing to aid him
provided it met with the sanction of
the officer of the Bureau at Huntsville.
He told me that Col. Callis approved
of it. I have had a great many cases
before me in matters of difference between
the Planters and Freedmen, a great
many between the Freedmen themselves &
and in every case I have endeavored to
justify with all parties. In some instances
white men have complained that I was too
lenient to the Freedmen, but I have done
what I thought to be right. The service
has been very annoying - and nothing but
a sense of duty has caused me to act.
A very large majority of the Freedmen
in Lawrence County live below the
mountain, and it is very important that
there should be some one to attend to
their interests. I have never charged
anything for services rendered as acting

agent of the Bureau. When consulted as an Atty I have charged where the parties have been able to pay.

You will perceive my dear Sir that I am not a self Constituted Agent but that I have acted at the Special request and Solicitation of Mr Gevin

P. S. As I am a Stranger to you I would beg to refer you to Hon S. P. Lewis, Meper Walker & Brinkel - Burne & Gordon Wm. Garth Esqr - Day and Fullerton & James S Watkins - Nearly all of whom have known me for many years.

If I have no authority to act, I shall cease to do so. I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Very respectfully
J. C. Baker

"Copy"

Moulton Ala. Aug 5. 67.

At my Special request.

Joseph C. Baker Esqr of Courtland Ala. is hereby authorized requested and appointed to take the papers & make a settlement between Mr E. Bates and Freedmen who labored for said Bates for the year 1866. And he Joseph C. Baker is also hereby authorized to act as Sub Agent of Bureau R F A L for Lawrence County Ala.

L. B. Gevin
Bureau Agent R F A L
Lawrence Co Ala.

Saunders James E.
So. Cal. L. B. Rugg.

Courtland Ala March 28 1868.

For the year 1867 I employed freedmen as laborers on Perry Spring plantation in this vicinity for one half the crop after deducting from the gross proceeds all expenses incidental to the plantation & wear & tear of farm stock & utensils. I to have the entire control & purchase supplies & to sell the crop.

In December the first signs of a disposition on the part of the freedmen to disregard the Contract shewed themselves in a refusal to ship the remainder of the Cotton crop away. After waiting some weeks for time to become convinced that such a Contract could not be closed without a sale of all the Cotton, I put the case in the hands of J. C. Baker Esqr acting Agent of the freedmen Bureau in Courtland; for the Contract provided this as the mode of adjustment in case of disagreement Esqr Baker ordered the Cotton sent forward for sale.

When all the Cotton was disposed of Esqr Baker proceeded after sending notice to said freedmen to attend, proceeded to make a settlement of the affairs of said plantation. Most of the freedmen, amongst which Sauppy Watkins (foreman in 1867), Joe Davis and Joe Caery were most prominent treated the notice of Esqr and his authority with Contempt. He however proceeded on the 22nd day of February 1868. to close the settlement and provided him with Cash to pay the balance due. Since then only a few of the hands have come forward for a settlement.

In this settlement Cgr Baker allowed to Sampy Watkins and Joe Davis one half of a small stock of hogs (and their increase) which each one had brought on the place and which had been fed, and reared on the Corn, belonging to the plantation. They insist that they should have all the hogs and their increase - and say that they will have them at the risk of their lives - have quarreled with Gilbert Watkins (Col^d) the present foreman, who finds it necessary to lock up my stock of hogs in a stable lot to keep them.

If things continue as they are a collision of a serious nature may occur between S. Sampy + Joe Davis and the laborers now on the place. I therefore respectfully ask that you will bring this controversy in some way, to a conclusion so as to relieve me from the annoyance.

Very respectfully Submitted,
James C. Saunders

I hereby Certify that the facts in the foregoing petition are correct and there is a necessity for prompt action on the part of the Agent of the Bureau at Huntsville. It will save much trouble.

March 24, 1868

Very respectfully
J. C. Baker
actg agt &c.

War. Department P. R. & A. S.
Office of Dis. Officer
Washington D. C. Mch 27, 68.

Ballock Gen. Genl.
To D. C. Rugg, Agt
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: - Enclosed please find draft No. 477 on
P. & F. Co. for \$372.⁸⁰ to pay the following
claimants as per vouchers enclosed.

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Wesley West | 185. 60 |
| Randall Hines | 187. 20 |
| Total | 372. 80 |

Yours respectfully
Geo W. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf D. O.

Huntsville Ala. March 28 1868.
Messrs. Solomon
To D. C. Rugg.
Agt Bureau P. R. & A. S.

Sir: - The undersigned offer
for the entire lot of damaged Corn stored
at the office and Store of the Freedman's
Bureau in this City - twenty (20) Cents per
bushel at the Store.

Very respectfully
Messrs. Solomon

Monticello Ala April 1868.

Fordyce Saml W.
To S. G. Rugg.
Sub Asst Comd'g U.S.A.

I desire to purchase three hundred (300) bushels Corn for which I am willing to pay at the rate of thirty (30) cents per bushel.

Very Respectfully
Your obt' Servant,
(Sg) Saml W. Fordyce.

Centre Ala. March 14 '68.

Cooper, Jno B.
To Genl Hayden.

Mr. Sedberg of this place filed a Complaint thro the dep't over which you preside showing that he had a horse taken from him by one Michael Gilbreath & L. L. Nicholson under some sort of Order from Col. Callis to which Nicholson set up some pretended claim. Sedberg's purpose was to ~~proceed~~ ^{procure} an investigation or to get a restraining order removed that he could sue for the horse in the State Court. He is satisfied the horse does not & never did belong to Nicholson. He believes Callis had no authority to issue said order and that he is greatly injured.

Will you be so kind as to let me know what disposition has been made with the papers sent up by Mr Sedberg.

See C. 27.

Respectfully
Thos B. Cooper
Atty for Sedberg.

Atheus Ala. April 1868.

Mills J. H. W.
To S. G. Rugg. Agent
Monticello Ala.

Sir:-
Enclosed please find copy special order No 30. of General Hayden assigning me to duty as Agent & Disbursing Officer, also requisition for Stationery &c for this office which please approve and forward to proper officer.

Very Respectfully &c
J. H. W. Mills
Agent &c &c.

Atheus Ala. April 3 1868.

Rogers, Jno Lee.
To S. G. Rugg.
Monticello Ala.

Dr. Sir:-
The bearer of this says that he is the identical Wesley West for whom you have the money due to him from the United States for service in the War.

Mr. Mills the Disbursing Officer here (recently appointed by Genl Hayden) has been informed by the Chief Disbursing Officer at Montgomery that there are parties here who have been buying the claims of Freedmen giving \$50 or less for their claims, and taking their note for the full amt of the claim and in collusion with the Bureau agent having their notes liquidated.

The Disbursing Officer will claim the discharge paper of Aquencia Brown now in my possession.

Respectfully &c
Jno Lee. Rogers.

Head. Quarters Dist of Ala.
Office Chf. G. M. D. S. 1845. State of Ala.
Montgomery Ala. March 31/48.

Arthur W. Co.
To S. C. Ruff.
Sub Asst. Commr. &c.
Huntsville Ala.

Enclosed please find invoice
and receipt of stores pertaining
to Bureau transferred to you in
accordance with above anying
order. Also order on Rev. Larkin
for the same who has the mule in his
possession.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. C. Arthur
Chf. G. M. State of Ala.

Order will be sent in day or two.

Bureau R. S. & H. L.

Athens Ala. April 3/48.

Wills J. H. W.
To S. C. Ruff.

Sir:-

Yours of 2nd inst is recd. Contents
noted &c. in reply to your question as to my
need of furniture for the office at this place
I have to reply by asking another. Can an
officer furnish sufficient protection for the
books papers &c. pertaining to an officer of the
Bureau in a small room immediately on
the street with only a common table
three lamps chairs a lamp Water Bucket
and small stool for the furniture and
table only about 3 x 4 feet there are but
few books but few papers nor for Mr
Rogers to turn over. & but very little stationery
of any kind. It needs considerable in addition
to what is already here to make an office com-
fortable and a proper place to do work in.
The stationery is needed immediately also some-
thing for the protection of papers as carrying
them in ones pocket or leaving them lying
loose on the table in a public office where
you are besieged with freedmen from
morning till night I do not deem suffic-
ient protection. Luxuries I do not
expect but a proper place and that
properly furnished I do, to do business
in and respectfully ask that it be fur-
nished me.

I also think that from what little I
have seen of the work of the office here
that it will be necessary to expedite
matters that I shall also need the service
of a clerk but am not able to say -

at present. If I do will you please inform me what process is necessary to obtain one. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I am Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
J. H. Mills.

Mar. Sept. B. T. & S.
Office Chief Dis. Officer.
Washington D. C. March 30/68

Ballock G. W.
To D. B. Rugg, Capt
Huntsville Ala.
Sir:

Enclosed I send you draft No. 483 on F. D. & C. for \$844.40 to pay the following claimants as per voucher. Encl 1

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Geo. Malone | 187. 20 |
| James Hines | 187. 20 |
| Anthony Hardgrow | 283. 20 |
| Jm Easter | 187. 20 |
| Total, | 844. 40 |

shall I continue sending drafts on F. D. & C. or would you prefer drafts on New York?

Respectfully,
your obedient servant
Geo. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf. D. O.

Mar Sept B. T. & S.
Office Chief Dis. Officer.
Washington March 31/68

Ballock G. W.
To D. B. Rugg,
Huntsville Ala.
Sir:

Enclosed I send you draft No. 488 on F. D. & C. for \$287.50 It is to pay Wm Harris late private in Co. G. 55th Ill. S. C. T. He lives at Courtland and I have his receipts. The enclosed letter will explain itself.

Respectfully
Geo. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & Chf. D. O.

Smith G. A. Courtland Ala. Mar 28/68
To Bt Brig Gen Geo Ballock.
Chief Dis. Officer Washington D. C.
Sir:

At length I have obtained the vouchers of Wm Harris late a private in Co. G. 55th U. S. C. T. Enclosed I send you them asking that you pay them by sending the money here to Wm Harris in my care. If this is not your way of doing I please send an order for payment to Col. D. C. Rugg. at Huntsville Ala. & oblige Wm Harris

In G. A. Smith
P. S. Harris cannot go to Memphis short of an expense of \$25⁰⁰ nor to Huntsville short of \$10 - G. A. Smith.

Narrington M. Maria
To Capt Harrison
Dear Sir:

My transportation papers, which were received from you, and sent by me to Dr Rust for his signature and returned to your office in Feb last have not as yet been paid or reported to me. Were they received at your office after being signed by Dr Rust?

Please let me hear from you.

Respectfully Yours,

M. Maria Narrington
Teacher of Freedmen

Huntsville Ala. March 20 68.
M. Cullough. A. W.
To Gen. O. O. Howard.

Sir:-

I am engaged in the work of educating the Freedmen at this place. We are greatly in need of proper building for school. One of the Citizens has deeded an acre of land to Colored Trustees for school purposes. The title is a good one, and we wish to know if there is a probability of the Bureau building or assisting us to build a house. There are five or six hundred children of Freedmen in town that should attend school and a building should be erected large enough to contain a school averaging at least 200 pupils and constructed for a graded school and Normal Class, and it would require about \$2000. If you give us any encouragement we will make our application

through the regular channel of Bureau Officials in this State. The building is very, very badly needed and the colored people are not able to build.

We hope to receive advice from you.
Address your obt. st

A. W. M. Cullough,
Huntsville Ala.

Moulton Anderson
To S. C. Rugg.
Sub Asst Comr. &c.

Bellevue Miss. April 2 68.

Your favor of Mch 24 th. received & contents noted. Herewith I return you the check & vouchers properly signed & witnessed. Please send the money to Express directed as follows.

Anderson Moulton (Colo)
Care J. H. Oliver & Co

38. Madison St. Memphis Tenn
and they will forward to me from there.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient st
Anderson Moulton.

Wells M. J. Trinity School Athens April 7 68.
To S. C. Rugg.
Sir:-

Some Blackboards are needed in our school rooms. Can the Bureau supply us with three Boards - dimensions seven feet by four feet
Very Respectfully
M. J. Wells.

Supt F. S. Athens

War. Department
Bureau Refugees F & H S.
Office Chief Officer
Washington D.C. April 7th 68

Ballock Geo. H.
To S. C. Rugg.
Moundsville W. Va.

Sir: I have received a notice that a Mr. J. N. W. Mills has been sent to Athens. Please furnish him with a list of the settled claims in your hands located at Athens with such information as you may think proper. There were no Athens claims settled in March. I have written him a letter of general instructions and think he will get along with your help.
Resply Yours
Geo. H. Ballock
Bt Brig Gen. F. & H. S.

Decatur Ala. April 8th 68.

Good fellow. T. M.
To S. C. Rugg.
Moundsville W. Va.

Sir: I think that at no period since the surrender has the freedom needed a friend & Counselor more than at present and especially is there one needed at Courtland. If you have not already appointed one for said place I would respectfully recommend Bt Brig Gen. L. A. Smith assuring you that he would do justice let were Man & Man. And waiving a matter of Modesty I would respectfully ask for the appointment of this (Morgan) for

myself. As I am out of business I need any small sums I can pick up.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
T. M. Goodfellow

Hd. Qrs Dist of Ala
Office Chief Arm. Bt Brig Gen. State of Ala
Montgomery Ala. April 7th 68.

Arthur H. C.
To S. C. Rugg.
Sub Asst Comr
Moundsville W. Va.

Sir: Vouchers 1, 2 & 4 abs of your return of Bureau Stores for March, 1868, are herewith returned for compliance with the provisions of Circular 14 from these Hd. Qrs dated Feby 19th - Copy enclosed. Your Authority for opening an office at Athens contemplates the purchase of necessary articles for that purpose. Referring to Abst. 1 Voucher 1 you are informed that your return will be retained in this office until this voucher can be submitted to the Commissioner of this Bureau for his Orders. Your personal attention is especially directed to provisions of enclosed copy Circular 9. Hereafter no deviation from instructions contained therein will be allowed. Requisitions (form 30) from you for stationery in excess of the "Manual" allowance is supposed to include all the stationery required for use in your entire District and must be forwarded to this Office as ordered.

By Command of
Bt Brig Gen. Shepherd
H. C. Arthur. Secy

War. Dept. B.R.F. & A.S.
Office Chief Dis. Officer
Washington D.C. (April) '68.

Galloch, Geo. W.
To A. G. Rugg.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

I send you draft No 503 on A. G. & S. Co.
for \$87.90 to pay bounty due Spencer &
Benson, Corp'l F. H. U. S. T.

Enclosed also vouchers for signatures.

Very respectfully,

Geo W. Galloch

Bt Brig Gen & Capt. C.

War. Dept. B.R.F. & A.S.
Claim Division
Washington, D.C. (April 3. 68)

Nowe, A. P. Bt Maj Gen.
To Bt. Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd
Asst Comr Bu & C. Montgomery Ala.
General.

I am directed to enclose herewith
the application for bounty of George Ford
formerly private Co. D. 44 U.S.C. Troops
returned from second Auditors office
for the purpose of having the official
character of the U.S. Court before whom
the paper was executed certified to
before by the Clerk of a court of record
under seal. The genuineness of the
Court signature must also be certified
to claimed forwarded by Gen Callis
formerly at Huntsville Ala.

Huntsville Ala. is Claimant's P.O. Address.

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Very Respectfully,

A. P. Nowe, Maj Gen

War. Dept. B.R.F. & A.S.
Claim Division
Washington D.C. April 1 '68

Nowe, A. P. Bt Maj Gen.
To Bt Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd.
Asst Comr Bu & C. Montgomery Ala.
General.

I am directed to enclose herewith the
discharge of William Roberts late of Co "O".
110 Regt. U. S. C. Troops. whose claim for
bounty &c. is allowed and the amount
(\$243.00) in the hands of the Chief
Dist. Officer of the Bureau for remittance
to Claimant.

The records of this office show
the claim in above case to have been
forwarded by Bt Col Jno. B. Callis Supr
Bu & C. Huntsville Ala. and the Post
office address of the Claimant to be;
"Buford Station Giles Co Tenn."

Please acknowledge receipt of
discharge at your earliest convenience
giving number of this letter.

I am General

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

(Sgd) A. P. Nowe

Bt Maj Gen U.S.A.

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War. Dept. B.R. & A.S.
 Claim Division
 Washington D.C. April 3rd 68.

Howe, A.P. Bt Maj Gen
 To Bt Brig Gen O.S. Shipperd,
 Asst Commr Burc Moulgry, Ala.
 General.

I am directed by the Maj General
 Commissioner & Co. to inform you that
 the Second Auditor of the Treasury upon
 the claim of Jane Tate, mother of Sam
 Tate deceased, Private Co. A, 106th Regt
 U. S. C. Troops, suspended for claimant
 Affidavit supported by those of two disem-
 powered witnesses showing that she was
 a widow at date of death of the Soldier.

Claim forwarded by Bt Brig Gen
 Jno. B. Ballis, formerly S.A.C. at Huntsville Ala.
 Claimant's Post Office address is
 Mooresville, Ala.

With evidence please return this letter
 I am General

LB,
 621.

Very Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant
 A. Patterson
 Bt Maj Gen U.S.A.

Huntsville Ala
 April 13th 68.

Hindman M.
 To Col L. C. Rugg.
 Sub Asst Commr.
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:
 We are greatly in need of the following
 number of Desks and Black boards
 for use in our school House at this
 place. - 6 Boards 4 x 8 feet
 50 Desks with seats. each for two pupils.
 Can the above named articles be furnished
 us by the Bureau?

Very respectfully,
 M. Hindman
 Prin. of School.
 Huntsville Ala.

Decatur Ala. April 13th 68.

Harrington, M. Maria
 To Col L. C. Rugg.

Will you please have the
 kindness to inform me if an invalid, aged
 colored woman from this place can be
 received at the Union house or Hospital at
 in Huntsville - Early information will
 oblige.

Yours Respectfully
 M. Maria Harrington
 Teacher of Freedmen.

Athens Ala. April 9th 1868.

Wells J. N. H.

To. St. Maj. Geo. Shookley.

U. S. A. S., Co. B. 1st Regt.

Montgomery, Ala.

Sir:

As I understood from you before leaving Montgomery, and also by your telegram of March 31. I intended that some information relative to my duties here would be furnished me from some source.

But after having waited patiently more than a week and receiving nothing relative to my duties I am at a loss to know for what purpose I was sent here. I am Col. D. C. Rugg had a man here in capacity of Clerk but as he had no books or papers to turn over the bare room he occupied affords no information. Thinking that perhaps instructions have been forwarded and having failed to reach me I had best make a statement of my case and continue in the exercise of that estimable virtue patience longer or until I could learn something as to what I am here for.

I met Col. Rugg and he is apparently as uninformed as myself.

I was here on the 31 of March ready and have remained ready to perform any and all duties required of me as soon as I can ascertain what they are and am provided with a suitable place to work in and proper material to work with.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

J. H. W. Wells

Adj. & C. B. 1st Regt.

Athens Ala

War Dept B. R. F. & A. S.

Claim Division

Washington, D. C. April 8th 1868.

Nowe, A. P.

To. St. Brig. Gen. O. S. Shepherd.

Cash Co. 1st B. R. F. & A. S.

Montgomery, Ala.

General:

I am directed to inform you that the second Auditor of the Treasury, has suspended the Claim of Essex Fultz father of William Fultz Pri. Co. "D" 16th U. S. C. Troops for proof by live disinterested witnesses of the status of Claimant and the mother of deceased. If slaves whether they belonged to the same or different masters, also whether they lived together in the same dwelling as husband and wife, and were so regarded, and whether they are still so living and regarded and whether the Claimant had the care and custody and support of the family, deceased soldier included.

Claim forwarded by Gen. Calli, formerly at Huntsville Ala.

The Post Office address of Claimant is Huntsville Ala.

With the Evidence please return this letter,

Yours

Gen. S. B.

I am General

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

A. P. Nowe

St. Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

Montgomery, Ala. April 13.

Beecher, Edwin.

To D. C. Rugg, Q. A. C.

Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I enclose check No 135 on New York in favor of Dr E. P. Fitch for \$149.77 in payment of his salary for march Postage account and Hospital Receipt Roll.

I also return the Certificate of M. Gilbrath. This Certificate of the party himself is not enough. The usual form is for the Subst. Clerk of the Dist. in which the party served to make the Certificate and if necessary to enable him to do so. the party should make an Affidavit that he has properly accounted for all property.

Respectfully,

Edwin Beecher

Montgomery, Ala. April 13/88

Beecher Edwin.

To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.

Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I return your reports form 2 for Census. Every building rented by the Bureau in your District whether in Montgomery or elsewhere, must be reported; also every employed or laborer.

The following are not on your report
L. H. Kaiser Office of Clerk at Athens, Dr Sulzner School building do. M. Bernstein do. at Hill
J. H. Mallory three days labor.

The purchase voucher can not be paid until the report is approved by the Chf. Dr Mr are soon as received and approved by him they will be paid.

Respy, Edwin Beecher

Brownston, Ala.

April 18th 1868.

Minor A. N.

To Col. D. C. Rugg.

Agent. Prudhomme Bureau
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

The bearer of this note Amanda Conyers is the woman referred to in my interview with you yesterday as being in my custody as Clerk. I desire that you will take her statement regarding the facts in the case, and that you take such action in the matter as, in your judgement, shall be deemed necessary.

During my absence in Huntsville yesterday (according to information I have been able to gain) the man Randal Conyers armed with a gun, and with force and threat of violence and bodily harm compelled and said Amanda to go with him to Mayville. Soon after my return here he appeared and demanded her clothing, bedding &c. which I declined to deliver until ordered or personally claimed by the woman. Later in the evening the woman returned, I called the parties together advising them to let the matter rest until the case could be referred to you for settlement. At the same time informed the man of your instructions in regard to the matter, advised him to call at your office if he felt aggrieved reminding him that he had already made himself liable to severe punishment for the high handed course he had adopted. He paid no heed to my advice, but still declared his intentions to forcibly take possession of the woman's clothing to carry them and her

back to Mayville, and subsequently did take forcible possession of the woman's clothing trunk and valise carrying them away against my warning and the woman's earnest protests at the same time declaring his purpose of coming again for the woman and her bedding.

I have many reasons to believe that this man is aided and abetted, and is acting under the advice of white parties, who bear me no good will inasmuch, as I hear, he has been advised by those - too cowardly to do so themselves - to kill me for my interference and then to leave the country. From this man's intimations and threats I am led to believe that I am in some danger of bodily harm, and that unless you take some action in the matter some serious consequences may result.

Will you please forward instructions as to what is my duty and right in the matter. Regretting the necessity which obliges me to apply to you.

I am Very Respectfully,
A. H. Minor.

Athens Ala. April 18. 1868.

Mills J. H. W.

To D. C. Briggs.

Sir:

Will you please inform me as to furnish this office with P. O. Stamps. Dist. Revs. &c. and what process it is necessary for me to go through to obtain them.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully &c.

J. H. W. Mills

Agt & Clerk F. V. A. L.

Maullon Lawrence Co. Ala. Apt 9. 68.
Gerrin, C. C.
To Chas. A. B. &c. of Ala.
Sir:

Allow me to call your attention to the situation of the Agency in this County.

I was appointed Agent for this County in Feb. of last year by Gen. Callis, and was afterwards commissioned by Gen. Howard. I continued to act until 1st of October last, under said Commission. I received notice to make final settlement 1st Oct at which time C. Agent would be suspended &c. I made and forwarded my settlement as ordered to Gen. Callis & asked him what I should do with the Books & papers, that they was subject to his orders. He wrote me to hold on to the Books & papers & to still act as Agent make settlement & attend to the business as I had been doing. I continued to act up to the end of the year. Three months I had been paid by the Government at the rate of Five hundred dollars per year per month. I wrote to Gen. Callis at the end of the three months to know why I was not paid for my services as formerly he did. I got no answer my letter. I then wrote to him that if I was not paid for my three months services I would not act as agent any longer, and that my Books and papers was subject to his orders. He did not answer my letter. I wrote to Capt. Harrison who succeeded Gen. Callis, that the books and papers were in my possession & that I wanted them taken away, but they are still here. I am constantly troubled parties calling on me for copies of their Contracts & wanting me to make settlement &c. Complaints are made daily by some about J. C. Baker a lawyer.

of Courtland, in this County making settlements and charging from \$10 to 20 dollars & signing his name as Sub Agent for this County. I did give Mr Baker Authority, to act as Sub Agt while I was acting but told him at the time of my settlement that he could not any longer act under said Authority from me.

May I ask you if I am not to be paid for my 3 months faithful service as Agt for this County, Oct Nov & Dec. under the written request of Gen. Cullis to hold on to the books & papers & still act Agent &c. & allow me to also ask your attention to the situation of things in this County. Many Freedmen have had no settlements made for last year & have not been paid any thing for their work they are constantly calling on me to make their Employers pay them and they also want me to write their Contracts &c. &c.

Something ought to be done with the books and papers, please advise me what to do. if there is not to be an Agent for the poor swindled Freedmen of this County should the books and papers not be taken to Head Quarters at Huntsville.

It is impossible for me to be so much troubled with them & get no pay. I am an old man with a large family of Girls & no one to help me to support them and the War broke me up.

Please direct your letter to me at Moulton, Ala.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
C. C. Gevin.

Mar. 2nd 1868
Washington April 18th 1868.

Whittleson, E., A.A.G.
Col. C. Rugg, S.A.C.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Your statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 20th 1867 to Provost Marshal Gen. for the month of March 1868. has been received and examined at this Office and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen C.C. Howard.

Very Respectfully &c.

E. M. Hittleson,

A.A. Inspector General.

State of Alabama.

Bureau R.P.A.S.

Montgomery Ala. April 15th 1868.

Shirkley, Geo. Bt Maj 10.
To L. C. Rugg, S.A.C.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Enclose herewith the appointment of Mr John Lee Rogers, as Clerk, Bureau R.P.A.S. to date March 10th 1868; also revocation of the same to take effect April 10th 1868.

Mr Rogers will be paid for his services from date of appointment to date of revocation as above.

By Order of

Col & Bt Brig Gen C. L. Shepherd.

George Shirkley

Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj USA.

A.A.G.

Office Agent & D.O. Bureau R.D. & A.L.
 Athens, Ala. April 20/68.

Mills J. N. H.
 To L. C. Rugg, Esq.
 H. A. C. Milledgeville Ala.
 Sir:

I have some twenty Discharge papers from Colored Soldiers which the wish me to put in proper form order to enable them to get their bounty. Also have some twenty five affidavits of non transfer of Claims necessary to be executed before they can receive their Claims of Commutation for Rations while prisoners of war sent by different Claim Agents from Washington to my care with the request that I would see that they were properly executed and returned.

Now if the above are considered to be a part of the duties of the Agent &c at this place. It will necessarily make a good deal of out door work as the Freedmen seem to think depend entirely upon the Bureau to seek him through and if it is also among the agents duties to attend to the settlement of Contracts for labor, the adjustment of accounts between Employer and Employee &c I find that it will be necessary for me to have some assistance and respectfully ask can a clerk be furnished me, as to attend to the out door work and office work at the same time is impossible.

Very Respectfully &c
 J. N. H. Mills
 Agent & D.O. B.R.D. & A.L.
 for Northern, Ala.

Office Agent & D.O. Bureau R.D. & A.L.
 Athens Ala. April 20/68.

Mills J. N. H.
 To L. C. Rugg.
 Sub Asst Commissioner
 Milledgeville Ala.
 Sir:

In reply to your communication of 17th inst. I have the honor to state that my appointment was dated March 19th 1868. to take effect March 20th Deulered upon my duties as agent &c at Athens Ala March 21st which is the proper time from which I am to draw pay as agt &c.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient
 Sg J. N. H. Mills
 Agt & D.O. B.R.D. & A.L.

Clarke J. N. H.
 To J. N. H. Green, Esq.
 Dr. Sir:

Burley Harris is in my employ and furnished one horse to make a crop with for me, but met with a Mr Alexander Smith who induced Burley a Colored man to swap horses with him and put a mare on the old ignorant negro that will not work to do any good, and alleged that she was a good work nag. Now Sir I think it due to the Negro and also to Justice to have a hearing on the case before your honor, so that the old negro may get his horse and the trade be cancelled for a judgement for damages for damage before a Court of Law would be unavailing as the party has nothing that anything could be made out of. Please attend to this and oblige.

E.B. 23.

John R. Clarke

Beecher, Edwin
Dis. Officer for Ala.
Montgomery Ala April 18. 68.

To, A. C. Rugg.
Subst. Comr
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir: I enclose the following checks on Asst Treas.
U. S. New York in payment of vouchers due
in your District
No 137. in favor of J. G. Neap & Co for \$ 70.50
" 138 " " " M. E. Patterson " 50.00
" 139 " " " Nereford & Moultrieville 77.50
" 140 " " " Yourself 75.25
273.25

The last is for the following claims

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|------------------------|-------|-------|
| B. Nune & Co | 19.40 | |
| G. W. Smith | 13.25 | |
| J. S. Vandeventer & Co | 2.60 | |
| J. N. Armstrong | 40. | 75.25 |

Also I enclose checks No 141. in favor
of Venabler & Willard for \$100.

Please advise me of Receipt

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D. O. for Ala.

War. Dept. B. R. & A. S.
Claim Division
Washington April 6. 1868.

Now. A. P.
Bt Maj Gen. U. S. A.
To L. C. Rugg. Sub. A. C.
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir: I am directed by Major General C. C.
Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge
the receipt this day of papers in the claim
for bounty in the case of the following
named discharged Soldiers;

Henry Watkins "N" Co. 17 Regt U.S.C. I

Jefferson Grayson "N" " 15 " " " "

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
A. P. Patterson
Bt Maj Gen U.S.A.

War. Department B. R. & A. S.
Claim Division
Washington D.C. April 20. 68.

Ballock Geo. W. Gen.
To L. C. Rugg. Agt
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir: I send you herewith draft No 536 on
U. S. & N. Co. for \$ 243.00 to pay bounty due
William Roberts. as per vouchers enclosed

Very Respectfully
Geo W Ballock
Bt Brig Gen & chf D. O.

Office Agent & D.O. B. & C.
Athens, Ala April 23, 1868.

Mills, J. N. W.
To, D. C. Rugg, Esq.
Sub Asst Comr Nimitville, Ala.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Receipt & Voucher of
Chas. H. Kaiser, Pay Roll received by Mr
Rogers & myself, Estimate of probable expense
for month of May and amt expended by
myself for month of April.

Very respectfully Yrs
J. N. W. Mills
Agent & D.O. B. & C.

Estimate of probable expenses for office
of Agent & D.O. B. & C. at Athens, Ala
for Month of May, 1868.

| | |
|--|---------------|
| For Rent of Office from Bingham Dec 1867 | 15.00 |
| Postage Stamps | 4.50 |
| One Chair | 1.50 |
| One Room | 50 |
| Salary of Agent | 125.00 |
| | <u>146.50</u> |

(Signed) J. N. W. Mills
Agt & D.O. B. & C.

Amount expended by J. N. W. Mills Agent
& D.O. Bureau B. & C. at Athens Ala for
Month of May 1868.

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|--|-------------|
| For Small Bot Blk Ink | 30 |
| " " " Red " | 25 |
| " One " Mucilage | 35 |
| " 1 doz Steel Pens | 40 |
| Cutting Wood | 1.00 |
| 60 Postage Stamps O.B. | 1.80 |
| 1 Rubber Ruler | 1.25 |
| Cleaning office (having removed
from room formerly occupied
by Mr Rogers to Room formerly
used by Mr Bingham recently
occupied by Freedmen) and
whitewashing same | 2.75 |
| Blank Book for Register of names
Co. of 1st of Disch Soldiers whose
Claims are at Washington D.C. | 1.50 |
| | <u>9.60</u> |

J. N. W. Mills
Agent & D.O. B. & C.

Bureau of P. T. & A. Lands
Ad. Q. R. Wash. Court State of N. C.
Raleigh N. C. 8th April 1868.

Mills Nelson A
Capt. B. T. Maj. Gen. Asst. Com.
To Maj. Gen. O. B. Howard
Commissioner

Washington D. C.

General. I have the honor to request transpor-
tation for Mary Gillespie (destitute & prodigious)
and her child six years of age from Raleigh
N. C. to Muscumbria Ala.

Mary is without means and is
liable to become a charge upon the Government,
unless she is sent to Alabama where she has
a husband able & willing to provide for
her there, but not able to pay for her
transportation

W. E. B. D. A.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Nelson A. Miles

Montgomery Ala. April 22nd 1868.
Jennings Eli. F.
To D. C. Rugg. Asst. F. B.
Montgomery Ala.
Dr Sir:

Will you please inform me if the
discharge papers of Robt Elliott Pirab of
Co. D. 11th Regt. U. S. Col. Inf. I have the
Receipt for his discharge signed by A. W.
Patterson then Bureau Asst. at Decatur Ala.
He says he has been informed that the
discharge is in your office. If you have
them or if they are still in your office

will you please send me them in my care
to M. Cullen Lawrence Co. Ala.

Very Respectfully
Eli. F. Jennings

State of Alabama. P. T. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala. April 23rd 68.

Shuckley Geo. B. T. Maj. U. S. A. Asst.
D. C. Rugg.
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir: Referring to application for bounty (for years of
pay) forwarded by you on the 20th inst. the
Asst. Commissioner desires me to say that too
much care cannot be taken in preparing applica-
tions in accordance with printed forms.

In the one forwarded you attach to it the
certificate of the Clerk of the Court - it should
have been upon the printed form. You also
attach Revenue stamps which are not required these
applications made through officers of the Bureau.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(sgd) Geo. Shuckley
Capt. 15th Inf. B. T. Maj. U. S. A.
A. A. A. G.

Mobile April 28th 1868.

Gulzner, A.

Do Colonel Rugg.

Supt P.B. Moundsville Ala.

Mr. Pittman Post master
in your City has presented you vouchers for five months
rent of my hotel in Athens Ala. as a school for
children of Freedmen, the amount of which is
two hundred and fifty dollars - I have been
informed that the vouchers would be paid
by the 15th of this month. Hearing nothing on the
subject I take the liberty of inquiring from
you the cause of delay.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt Servt
F. Gulzner,

War. Dept. P.R. & A.S.
Claim Division
Washington, April 24th 68.

Wm. A.P.

Do D.C. Rugg, Esq.

Agent Bureau, Moundsville Ala.

Sir:
I am directed by Maj Gen C.A. Howard, Com^r
to acknowledge the receipt the day of papers
in the claim for bounty in the case of the
following named discharged soldier:

Mathew Lambertson N. Co 17 Regt U.S.C.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant
A.P. Howe
Bt Maj Gen USA.

State of Alabama Bureau
Montgomery April 27th 68

Shorkley Geo. D.
Do Mr D.C. Rugg.

Sub Arch Commissioner

Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the discharge of George
Sauders, Pvt Co K 15th U.S.C. whose claim
for Bounty has been allowed and the amount
(\$300) is in the hands of the C.D.O. of the Bureau
at Washington for remittance to claimant.

Please acknowledge receipt,

By Order of Col & Bt Brig Gen O.S. Shepherd

Geo Shorkley

Capt 15th Inf 21 May 1868, a.o.g.

State of Alabama P.R. & A.S.
Montgomery April 27th 68

Arthur, M. C. Chf. M.

Do D.C. Rugg, S. A. C.

Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

Your requisition for Stationery for month of
April 1868, is herewith returned with the ap-
proval of the Commissioner,

Very Respectfully
M. C. Arthur
Chf. M. Ala.

Ad. Gen. Dist of Ala.
Office Chf. Q. Mr. B.R.T. & A.S.
Montgomery April 27th 1868.

Arthur M. Co.
To D.C. Rugg. S. A. Co.
Sir:

Your monthly accounts stores pertaining to
B.R.T. & A.S. & C. C. & G. E. for the month of
March 1868. have been received, examined and
forwarded to Maj Gen C. C. Howard, Com^r
Bureau B.R.T. & A.S. at Washington D.C.

By order of Bt Brig Gen O.S. Shepherd, I
Very respectfully Your Obedt Servt
H. C. Arthur

Chf. Q. Mr. B.R.T. & A.S. State of Ala.
State of Alabama B.R.T. & A.S.
Montgomery April 28th 1868.

Shorkley Geo.
To D.C. Rugg. S. A. Co.
Muntsville Ala.

Sir:
I enclose herewith the discharges of the following
named Colored Soldiers, with letters from the 2^d Auditor
reporting adversely on their claims for Bounty.
Major Winn Corp'l C. D. 42nd U.S.C. Troop
Leban Reynolds Pvt " " " " " "
John Thomas " " " " " "
Thos Garrison " " E " " " " "
Patrick Perry " " E " " " " "
Florida Hopkins " " F " " " " "
Jack P. Thomas " " G " " " " "
Robt Aurtal " " " " " " " "

Please acknowledge the receipt

By Order of Col & Bt Brig Gen O.S. Shepherd
Geo Shorkley

Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj USA. A.S.

State of Alabama B.R.T. & A.S.
Montgomery April 28th 1868.

Shorkley Geo. Bt Maj USA
To D.C. Rugg. S. A. Co.
Muntsville Ala.

Sir:
I enclose herewith the discharges of the following
named Colored Soldiers, whose claims for Bounty
are allowed, and the amount set opposite their
respective names in the hands of the C. & O. of the
Bureau at Washington for remittance to them.

Turner Townsend Pvt Co "G" 15th U.S.C.T. - \$300.⁰⁰

Albert Douglass Pvt Co "K" 15th U.S.C.T. \$300.⁰⁰

Please acknowledge receipt

By Order of
Col & Bt Brig Gen O.S. Shepherd
Geo. Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Bt Maj USA.

Montgomery Ala. April 29th 1868.
Beecher Edwin
To D.C. Rugg. S. A. Co.
Muntsville Ala.

Sir:
Yours of 21st enclosing \$79.⁶⁹ was handed
me this morning. We are required to forward
with our accounts, an account of sales and
a copy of the order under which you made
the sale. Until that is done, I cannot take
up the money on my books, nor give receipts
for it. Please forward account of sale and
copy of order as soon as convenient, when I
will return the duplicate receipts for the
amount received.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher.

War Dept. R.R. & A.S.

Claim Division
Washington April 22 68.

Now A.P. Bt May Gen
To Bt Brig Gen O.L. Shepherd, U.S.A.
Asst Comr Bu &c Montgomery Ala.
General:

I am directed to inform you that the
Second Auditor of the Treasury reports the
claim of Solomon Patton, late Bt Co "K" 15
U.S.C.T. suspended for claimant's affidavit
stating where he was on the regular muster
days of his Co between the 30th day of April
1864, and the muster out of his Regt.

The claim was forwarded by Bt Brig
Gen J. B. Wallis, late D.A.C. at Huntsville Ala.

Please return this letter with affidavit

LB
758.

I am General
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
A.P. Howe,
Bt May Gen U.S.A.

Corinth Miss. April 30th 68.

Kaugershaum J.

To Col D.C. Rugg.

Sub Asst Comr Huntsville Ala.

Sir:—I will take the entire amount of your damaged
Corn at 40¢ per Bushel. Please let me hear
at once if that offer will be accepted.

I will take the Corn away as fast as
practicable. Please give your lowest figures
on the bacon for the entire lot.

Respectfully,
J. Kaugershaum
Care of Chas. Mauss.

Montgomery Ala. May 1 68.

Bucher, Edwin.
To D. C. Rugg.
Sub Asst Comr

Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Yours of 28th ult enclosing check no 2800
drawn by Fordyce & Pison on New York for
\$197⁵⁰ being proceeds of sale of damaged
Commisary Stores is received. By my letter
of 29th ult you will understand the necessity
of sending an account of sales and copy
of the order directing the sale to be made

Respectfully,
Edwin Bucher,
D.C. for Ala.

State of Alabama, R.R. & A.S.

Office Chief Cr. Mr.
Montgomery Ala. May 2 68.

Arthur M. C.
To D. C. Rugg, S.A.C.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir:—I have the honor to enclose herewith. Tran-
sportation from Huntsville to Tusculum
for J. W. Raines Esq. Clerk in your office
and also copies of the order authorizing his
change of station. Mr Raines will sign and
return the enclosed receipt at his earliest
convenience.

Respectfully Yours
M. C. Arthur
Chf Q. M. R.R. & A.S.,
State of Alabama

Paper

State of Alabama. P.M. & L.
Montgomery Ala. April 30th '68.

Shortley, Geo. St. Major aah
To L. H. Rugg. S. A. C.
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the discharges of the following
named Colored Soldiers whose claims for Bounty
&c have been allowed. The amount set opposite
their respective names is in the hands of the
Chief Disbursing Officer of the Bureau at
Washington D. C. for remittance to claimants

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Alexander Finley Co. L. | 15 th Regt. S. C. T. | \$ 300 ⁰⁰ |
| John Leslie | " " " " " | 204 ²⁶ |
| Nick Beasley | " " " " " | 213 ⁴⁴ |
| Lewis Campbell | " " 40 " " " " | 300 ⁰⁰ |
| Jacob Fulk | " " " " " " | 300 ⁰⁰ |
| John Walker | " " " " " " | 300 ⁰⁰ |
| David Anderson | " " " " " " | 300 ⁰⁰ |

Please acknowledge receipt

By Order of Col and B. Brig Gen A. L. Shepherd.

Geo. Shortley

Capt 15th Inf St. Maj U. S. A.
aah.

Office Agent U. S. B. & C.
Moultrieville Ala. May 5th '68.

Mills, J. H. W.
To L. H. Rugg. S. A. C.
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir:

Will you please inform
me if Henry Loushaw late of Co H 110, Regt
U. S. C. I. has been paid by you, and if
the list sent me by you are all you have
received, as ready for payment.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
J. H. W. Mills
Agent U. S. B. & C.

Enc. C. B. 2^d.

State of Alabama. P.M. & L.
Apalachicola Ala. May 4th 1868.

Arthur W. C.

To L. H. Rugg. Esq.

Subst. Court Moultrieville Ala.

Sir:

Referring to your Returns of Provisions, Bureau and
ultra stores as received for April 1868. I have
the honor to request that you forward as Vouchers
therein. "Account Sales" made separately of the
amount of supplies reported as sold.

I am Very Respectfully

W. C. Arthur

A. C. J. P. R. F. & L.

State Alabama.

State of Alabama. P.R. 5082.
Montgomery Ala. May 4th 1868.

Shortley Geo. Bt Maj & aal.
To, S. H. Rugg. S. A. C.
Moultrieville Alabama.

Sir:- I enclose herewith the discharge of Frank Bell, Corporal Co "A" 101st U. S. I. whose claim for bounty has been allowed. The amount \$229.00 is in the hands of the Chief Subsisting Officer of the Bureau at Washington D.C. for remittance to the claimant.

Please acknowledge the receipt.
By Order of Col W. B. Bracken O. S. Shepherd.
Geo Shortley.
Capt 15th Infy Bt Maj U. S. A.
A. A. A. General.

Montgomery Ala May 5th 1868.
Recher, Edwin
To, S. H. Rugg.
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir:- I enclose duplicate receipts for proceeds of sales of damaged Commissary Stores.

Respectfully,
Edwin Recher.

Mr. Capt. R. P. A. S.
Office Chief Dr. Master.
Washington D.C. May 4th 68.

Whittlesey Henry M.
To S. H. Rugg. S. A. C.
Moultrieville Ala.

Sir:- Your Monthly Account "Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department" for the month of March 1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded, to Bt Maj Genl. M. W. Meigs, Quartermaster General U. S. Army. By Order of Maj Genl. O. C. Howard, Comr.
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Dr. Master Bureau P. S. A.

Somerville Alabama May 2nd 68.
Charlton Geo. P.
To Col. S. H. Rugg.
Moultrieville Ala.

Dear Sir.

By last mail I received the application of Jno Masely. I don't know anything of the Applicant may never see him as his business is in your hands and his money will pass through your hands. I would prefer your paying the fee 75 cents than to wait on the applicant when I know nothing of him.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. P. Charlton

Montgomery Ala
May 4th 68.

Becher Edwin

To S. C. Rugg, S. A. Co.

Monteville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith two checks as follows
No. 148. On Asst Treas U. S. at New York in favor
of Dr Fitch in payment of his salary for
April and postage account \$101.12
No 149, in your name for 797.28.

The check in your favor is for payment
of your account current, except the vouchers
of Dr Fitch 787.78
and Voucher of C. N. Kaiser for March 950
\$797.28

I make your account current foot up \$888.90
instead of \$888.80, as you have it.

Please advise me of receipt of this.

Respectfully,
Edwin Becher,

Nat. G. Department
Bureau (Refugees &c.) Claim Division
Washington D. C. May 6th 1868.

New A. P. Brit Maj Gen

To S. C. Rugg, Esq

Subst Comr Bureau R. I. S. S. I.

Monteville Alabama.

Sir:

As all officers Agents and employees of
this Bureau are prohibited from receiving
fees &c, on claims for bounty &c due colors &
Soldiers, taken up, filed, or prosecuted by
them, while acting as such, I am directed
to state that your bills, forwarded with certifi-
cates issued with blue letters addressed to
you as attorney at record, cannot be allowed
without your affidavit to the effect that during
the collection, preparation, filing and prosecution
of such claims, you were not in the service of
this Bureau.

(A receipt of such affidavit, (if you
are able to make it) the amount of your fees
&c, will be promptly remitted to you.

Claims for bounty &c, taken up by officers
or Agents of this Bureau, should be forwarded
to the "Claim Division" of the Bureau for prose-
cution.

Very Respectfully &c

A. P. Howe

Brig Maj General

In Charge of Division

State of Alabama, Bureau
Montgomery, Ala. May 6, '68.

Shorkley, Geo.
To Mr. D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Moultrie, Ala.

Sir: - I enclose herewith the discharge of Frank
Garth, late G. M. Sergt 111th U. S. C. S. whose
claim for Bounty has been allowed. -

The amount (\$295⁰⁰) is in the hands of the
Chief Disb'g Officer of the Bureau at Washington
for remittance to claimant.

Please acknowledge receipt.

By Order of Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. S. Shepherd

Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Inf Bvt Maj U. S. A. 11/1/67.

War Dept B. & F. S. A. S.

Office Chief Qr Master
Washington May 6 '68.

Whittlesey & M.

To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Moultrie, Ala.

Sir:

Your Property account, "Stores pertaining
to the Bureau B. & F. S. A. S. for the month of
March 1868, has been received, examined
and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury
for final examination and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. Howard, Comr

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Qmr Bu & C

War Dept. B. & F. S. A. S.

Claim Division

Washington May 12th 1868.

Answer to P.

To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.

A. & C. Bureau & C

Moultrie, Ala.

Sir

I am directed by Maj Gen O. S. Howard
Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this
day of papers in the Claim for bounty in the
case of the following named discharged Soldier.

David Higgins H. Co 15th Regt U. S. A.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

A. P. Howard

Bvt Maj Gen U. S. A.

War Dept B. & F. S. A. S.

Office Chief Disb'g Officer
Washington D. C. May 4 '68.

Saracho, Brig Gen Geo. H.

To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.

Moultrie, Ala.

Sir:

I return the affidavit of Spencer Benson, Genl
Gilmore of the firm of Chipman Warner & Co informs
me that they have the receipt of Spencer Benson
acknowledged before some Agt of the Bureau
that he had received of their Agt \$100. Genl
will be in Moultrie in a few days & will look
into the matter. B. & C. are above reproach
as honorable men & will not let their sub Agts
play any sharp games.

W. E. D. 27

Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Saracho
Bvt Brig Gen, & Chf D. O.

Montgomery Ala. May 8th 1868.
 Becher Edwin. Disoff. Ala.
 To S. L. Rugg. Esq.
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

When an agent or clerk, engaged in the Bureau leaves the service, before he can receive his final payment it must be shown that he is not indebted to the Government, nor has any property belonging to it. If I had observed this rule strictly I could not have paid J. L. Rogers, but as his name was on your rolls and it would delay the payment of the remainder or cause a new account to be made up I concluded to pay it, trusting to obtain the necessary Certificate afterwards, as he was under your supervision you can make the Certificate required. Will you please prepare and forward one to me, dated for the payment, say May 1st, and oblige

Respectfully

Edwin Becher, Agent.

State of Alabama, B. R. & V. A. S.,
 Office Chf Clerk - Montgomery May 8, 68.

Arthur W. C.
 To S. L. Rugg, S. A. C. Huntsville Ala.

Sir,

Enclosed please find invoices of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau" this day transferred to you. Please return corresponding receipt at your Earliest Convenience.

Very Resptly. Yr Obedt Servt.

W. C. Arthur
 Chf Clerk.

Decatur Ala. May 8th 1868.
 Becher, Charles.
 To S. L. Rugg.
 Huntsville Ala.

Sir:

Bidney Tennaw late of Co. "D" 42nd U.S.C. and (Burrell) Shields. late of Co. "K" 12th U.S.C. I have receipts (as per enclosed Copies) from M. A. Patterson for their Discharge papers, but have not until yet made out proper claim for their bounty and would request you to forward to me by return mail the proper blanks to have the same executed and I will then return the same to you to be forwarded or if you wish me to take charge of their cases I will do so with the greatest pleasure, any way as you see proper.

I am Sir Very Respectfully,
 Your Obedt Servant
 Chas. A. Becher

Decatur Ala. May 8th 1868.
 Humphreys D.
 To Gen. J. Mayden.
 Dear General:

I write to report to you one of the most diabolical transactions that I have ever heard of which occurred about six miles from this point. It was about as follows. Henry Stewardwood, a young man working some land for Cal Price, was working in a field away from all other persons about a mile, with no one near him, but a colored girl, about 16 years old, who was working for Cal Price. Young Stewardwood endeavored to have intercourse with this colored girl and she refusing knocked her down

with a hoe, and ravaged her, this was last Saturday after the transaction she, the Colored girl, informed her Mother, and her mother told others which coming to the ears of Mr Stewardwood, he went over to her Mother's house, and took with him a bundle of large gads, went into the house, seized her before her mother and Father, put a rope around her neck, dragged her out of the house, tied her to a tree, and whipped her until her back became a bare sore, her garments dripping with blood, drawing a revolver on her mother when she attempted to interfere.

I wish you would send an officer to investigate the matter, as the man is a desperate case, and no Civil Officer wants anything to do with him, and if there is anything done civilly there will be light bond and he turned loose.

I have the case from the girl's mother. She says that the girl is badly injured, and that her back is now all a running sore, and that she has the gads hid under the bed. I think it is one of the most diabolical cases I have ever heard. I hope you will investigate the matter at once before it gets out, so that we can get out at the truth of the matter correctly, and all the world.

Very Truly Yours
L. D. Humphreys.

Decatur, Ala May 9 1868.

Humphreys L.
To Col Rugg.

Dear Sir:-

Today Elbert, a colored man has been thrown out of house and home and land to cultivate by one Lorigan from whom he had rented the land, and built thereon a house, and was to have the farm on year. Unless you do something for this colored man, there can be nothing done as there is no use to prosecute as nothing can be collected, and he is already been put out of the house. Will you have the goodness to investigate the matter and replace him in his home.

We ought to have a Freedmen's Agency here and must have or put you to a great deal of trouble, or the colored people will suffer. Let me hear from you.

L. D. Humphreys.

Decatur, Ala May 9 1868.

Harrington, M. Maria.

To Col L. D. C. Rugg.

Asst Supt of Ed. B. R. S. S. S.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to represent to you the present necessities of the Rust F. School of this place, under my charge. The building is in an unfinished condition, but with a small outlay of money will be comfortable the cold weather. There was no mason work done, and it should be raised up immediately, and a proper foundation made, to save it from premature dilapidation.

Besides the windows need casings, and to make the house properly secure. Hedges, shutters if the window casings were set, with the building in its present condition, they would be ruined when it is raised up and soon must be.

We are also in need of black boards. I am aware that it does the colored people good, to have to depend on their own resources so far as they can, and it is a part of my policy as teacher to impress upon their minds the necessity of self reliance. But I cannot ask them even to assist in providing these things, as the mass of them are extremely poor, and they have just raised \$18⁰⁰ (a large sum for them) toward paying for desks and seats. Enclosed please find an estimate made by May Goodfellow of the funds necessary for the above objects. I hope it will be consistent for the Bureau to make this appropriation at an early day, as I am in constant anxiety lest serious damage may be done to what furniture we have by the enemies of the Government, and opposers of this work.

Very Respectfully
M. M. Hannington

Harrington M. M. Decatur Ala. May 9th 1868.
To Col. Rugg.

If it will aid in this object at all to make the following statement, you are at liberty to do so, I purpose to continue in charge of this school as long as I am able to be in the work, and shall do what I can to make it one of the first ranks. I have already expended in furniture and books donated about \$60⁰⁰ and the F. A. S. of the M. E. C. under whose auspices I am here, has paid \$60⁰⁰ for desks and donated about 200 primers for beginners, and also paid for the lot and path toward the building. Our Society will do all they in their power for the school, but their finances are low.

Respectfully Yours
M. M. Hannington

May 9th 1868.

Balloch Geo H.
To D. C. Rugg.
Newville Ala.
Sir:

Notice the following claims are settled & ready for payment—

Virginia Luther Widow of Geo Luther "G" 15th
Geo Snyder "A" 101th
Myatt Moore. Father of Egbert Moore D. 15th
Frank Bell "A" 16th — Alfred Subpkins D. 40th. This last man's residence is given as Stevenson, Ala.

Respy.
Geo H. Balloch
Chas. O.

Beecher Edwin.

To S. L. Rugg, Esq.
Subst. Comr.

Huntsville Ala.

Sir: We have had several enquiries from Washington in relation to J. B. Baker, of Courtland, Ala. If you are acquainted with him will you please inform me what is his occupation, his character, and if thought advisable to appoint an Agent at Courtland, how would he do?

Respectfully

Edwin Beecher

A. C. for Alabama

Office Agent & A. C. Bu. R. T. W. I.
J. M. Lewis, Ala. May 13, 88.

Mills J. A. W.

To S. L. Rugg

Subst. Comr. Bu. R. T. W. I.

Huntsville Ala.

Sir: Yours of 12th inst. received please find inclosed by express.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt

J. A. W. Mills

Ag't & A. C. Bu. R. T. W. I.

enc 2. 2. 7. 1. A

State of Alabama,

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen & A. S.

Montgomery, Ala. May 11, 88

Sherkley, Geo. (Br. Maj. U.S.A., a.a.s.)

To Mr. S. L. Rugg,

Subst. Comr.

Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: I enclose herewith discharges of the following named soldiers whose claims for bounty we have been allowed. The amounts set opposite their respective names is in the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer of the Bureau for remittance to Courtland.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ceaser Lacey | Co A 4 th U.S.C.S. | \$20. ⁰⁰ |
| Charles Polk | " " " " " " | 30. ⁰⁰ |
| Robert Strong | " " " " " " | 30. ⁰⁰ |

Please acknowledge receipt.

By order of Col. & Br. Sug. Gen. C. L. Shepherd.

Geo. Sherkley

Capt 15th Inf. Br. Maj. U.S.A.,
a.a.s.

enc 2. 1. 1.

State of Alabama,
Bureau R. T. & A. S.,

Montgomery Ala May 11, 1868.

Shorkley, Geo. Bvt Maj U. S. A., a. a. s.

To Mr D. C. Rugg, Sub-Asst Comr
Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the appointment of
Mr. H. N. Hyde, as agent of the Bureau to
date April 1, 1867, also revocation of the same
to take effect Sept 30, 1867.

Payment will be made upon presentation
of the proper Vouchers to Bvt Lieut. Col. Edwin
Beecher, Disbursing Officer &c State of Ala.

By order of

Sec. E. B. 12 & 14.

also D. S. 49, 89 & 90 U.

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Col. & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd
Geo Shorkley

Capt 15th Inf Bvt Maj U. S. A.,
a. a. s.

State of Ala. Bu R. T. & A. S.
Montgomery May 12 '68.

Shorkley Geo. Bvt Maj &c
To D. C. Rugg. - S. A. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith discharges of the following named
Colored Soldiers whose claims for bounty &c have been
allowed. The amount set opposite their respective
names is in the hands of the Chief S. O. at Washington
for remittance to claimant.

Samuel Major Pvt "G" 42nd USC 7 \$301⁰⁰

Joseph Rooks "H. " " " " 100⁰⁰

Please acknowledge receipt

By Order of Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.

Geo Shorkley

Sec. D. S. 72 "A" Capt 15th Inf Bvt Maj U. S. A., a. a. s.

Head Quarters State of Alabama,
Office Chief Ar Mr. R. T. & A. S.,
Montgomery Ala. May 11, 1868.

Arthur H. C.

To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.

Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

Your monthly accounts Stores pertaining to
Bureau & C. C and G. E. for the month of April
1868, have been received, examined and forward-
ed to Maj Gen O. C. Howard, Comr Bu R. T. & A. S.
at Washington D. C.

By Order of Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.

Very respectfully, Yr Obedt Servant

H. C. Arthur
Chf Q. M. B. R. T. & A. S. State of Ala.

Remarks:

Your attention is respectfully called
to provisions of Circular 22, from these H. Q. Ar
Concerning the classification of property on return.

State of Alabama, Bu. R. T. & A. S.,
Montgomery, Ala. May 12, '68.

Shorkley, Geo. Bvt Maj U. S. A., a. a. s.

To D. C. Rugg, Sub-Asst. Comr.

Moundsville Ala.

Sir:

Your Monthly Report of operations of the Bureau
in your Sub Dist for the month of April 1868, has
not yet been received at this office you will please
forward it immediately.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

Geo. Shorkley.

Capt 15th Inf Bvt Maj U. S. A.

A. A. S. Genl.

Quartermaster General's Office
Clothing and Equipage
Washington D.C. May 11th 1868.

Perry Alex. J. Bt Brig Genl. & agn. ues.
To D. C. Rugg. Sub Asst Commr
Muntersville Ala.

Sir:

Your Return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Sub-Asst. Comr. Bu. R. I. T. A. S. for the month of March 1868, has been received and examined at this Office and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

J. A. R.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
By Order of the Q. M. G.
Alex. J. Perry
Bt Brig Genl. & G. M. U. S.

State of Alabama, Bu. R. I. T. A. S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Montgomery, Ala. May 14th 68

Arthur W. L.
To D. C. Rugg. S. A. C.
Muntersville Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed please find signed receipts for "Stores pertaining to Bureau" this day received

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. L. Arthur
Chf. Q. M.

Bureau R. I. T. A. S. Sub Asst of Chattanooga
Chattanooga Tenn. May 18th 68

Johnson, James M.
To D. C. Rugg. S. A. C.
Muntersville Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, duplicate & triplicate B/L of stores forwarded via Memphis & Charleston R.R. this day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(S. S.) James M. Johnson
Sub Asst Comr.

Decatur Ala. May 20. 68.
Goodfellow J. M.
To D. C. Rugg. Sir:

The City Council has given notice to Miss Harrington that, owing to complaints, the school must provide a privy for the children. She requests me to refer it to you. We can put one up five by ten feet with division of foot wall all of rich plank for \$18.

See E. B. 2. Very Resp. & c
J. M. Goodfellow
" S. S. 109.

Memphis Tenn
May 20th 68.

Yateman C. T.
To Agt. Freedmans Bu.
Nunsville Ala.

Sir: I have the honor to state that on the 25th of July 1866. I put in an application for arrears of pay and bounty as the father of Tobe Yateman, late private Co. "F" 114th U.S. C.T. with the Agent of the Bureau at Nunsville, Ala. I respectfully request any information you may have concerning the claim, and also when it is allowed, that I be * through the Bureau at this place.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Charles Taylor Yateman.

Athens, Ala., May 19th 1868.

Wills J. M.
To D. C. Rugg. - S. A. C.
Nunsville Ala.

Inclosed please find "Pay Rolls" signed and returned.

The office from 1st to 31st of May 1868, is rated of Benj. See. Allen, rate twelve and one half dollars. (\$12⁵⁰/₁₀₀)

Postage Stamp used O.B. to date 47 @ 3^{cts} 141.
Am I to be reimbursed for amt expended for sundries last month please answer

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. M. Wills

State of Alabama Bureau
Montgomery, Ala. May 23rd 68.

Shorkley, Gen. Bvt. Maj. U.S.A.
To Mr. D. C. Rugg. S. A. C.
Nunsville, Ala.

Sir: The Assistant Commissioner desires that you make inquiry as to the whereabouts of the following named discharged Colored Soldiers, and report to the office if they are within your Sub Dist.

Wm. Jones Late Pvt Co 100th U. S. C. T.
Storlon Towne " " E 12th N. A.

Robert Courtley " " " " " "
Information requested by the Assistant Commissioner of Kentucky.

Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servt
Geo Shorkley
Capt 15th Infy Bvt Maj U.S.A.
a. a. a.

Adt Genl Dir of Alabama
Office Chief Q. M. B. F. S. A. S. State of Ala.
Montgomery, Ala. May 23rd 68.

Arthur. W. C.
To D. C. Rugg. S. A. C.
Nunsville, Ala.

Sir: Your Special requisition for Stationery for month of May 1868. is herewith returned with the approval of the Commissioner,

Very Respectfully
(Sg) M. C. Arthur
Chf q. m.

Elliott J. M.
To

Office of Cassa River St. Boat Co.
Rome, Ga. May 21, 1888.

Sir:

I sent over 12 months past a voucher receipted by me in a regular form, and certified to by D. C. Surrency, Revenue Agent at Gadsden, Ala. The A/c was for trans-
-porting Corn, bacon &c from here to Gadsden the Steamboat amount of a/c \$119.⁸⁵

-I wrote Genl John B. Wallis, in Dec last in reference to the claim, on the 30 of Dec he replied to me and stated that the claim had been sent to the Chief Div Officer at Montgomery. I have recently written Edwin Beecher on the subject. he writes me the claim was returned to the office at Newville, will you be so kind as to send the paper to me.

Your Obedient Servant
J. M. Elliott
(S.S.)
See L.S. 107. A

Montgomery, Ala., May 23, 1888.

Beecher Edwin
to D. C. Surrency Esq.
Sub Asst Commr.

Newville, Ala.

Sir,

The Enclosed account of F. Sulzner for rent of School Building has been retained until the Suph of Education could investigate, and report upon our duty to pay it. He has now reported, and from the papers which accompany his report it appears the order to return the building to Mr Sulzner, was issued, Nov 26, 87.

The Asst Commr object to paying rent prior to that date. As the enclosed account is from Nov 1st under the decision of Genl Shepherd a new account will have to be prepared.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D. O. for Ala

Nautsville, Ala., May 11, 1868.

Clay, Mrs. V. C.

Do. Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard.

Comdr. Bureau, R. S. S. S.

Washington City.

General:

When I called upon you, in person, in July 1857, in Company with Judge Black, and made an exposition of facts in regard to my property in this place you were kindly disposed & pleased to express some sympathy with me, and a disposition to indemnify me in some degree for wrongs suffered. May I now lay your attention, while I refresh your memory by a brief re-statement of those facts?

In the fall of 1863, my husband's tenants were put out of his office building, by U. S. A. Officers and it was occupied four years till 15th Aug. '67 as Freedman's Bureau. His law library of 700 Vols., all his furniture & most of his valuable Cong. books were destroyed, or removed beyond his reach. Maj. Good-fellow, (his name a misnomer I think) took from my father's house, in my presence & against my earnest remonstrance, while Mr. Clay was in D. Street Monroe 40 Vols of American State papers worth as you know \$10 per Vol. Our dwelling was then sacked and burned after an occupancy by the Federals of two years. The only indemnity ever received is rent from Nov '66. to Aug. '67. of part of the office at 100th month, paid by Col. Callis under orders from Genl. Dwayne. Both of them promised to secure us pay for arrears of rent, at least, from 17th April '66. date of Board order for my husband's release & indemnity for damage

done the office. The rent was worth at least \$150. per month. During the entire & exclusive occupancy of the Govt of more than three years. The damage done the building is estimated by builders at \$1000. These facts can be proven by competent ^{very little} witnesses.

Now I submit entirely to your discretion and sense of Justice the amount to be paid by the Bureau — begging you will bear in mind that forcible possession was taken of the property — & will abide by your decision. Your character & your reception of me embolden me to hope that you will render us our right, as far as in your power. My poor husband "dies daily" from the worst form of asthma, but is unable to change his locality, — as he has not one dollar! Unable utterly, to resume his profession, or attend even to farming, (had he the means) & failing to collect enough money for current necessary expenses, he has reluctantly borrowed a few hundred dollars, purchased a horse & in his enfeebled, yet emaciated condition has attempted a horse back tour.

This has done in the two last days, & my anxiety as to its result impels me to make this effort, to get means to join him.

My solicitude & unhappiness under existing circumstances, is my apology for this long trespass on your time and attention.

Will you not oblige me by a reply at your earliest convenience & greatly oblige me?

E. B. 30.

Very respectfully
(Sgd) V. C. Clay

Office Agent & D. O. B. & T. H. L.
 Athens, Ala. May 27, '68

Mills J. A. H.

To D. C. Rugg, Esq.

Sub-Clerk Commissioner,

Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Personal Report
 for month of April & May, 1868.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

J. A. H. Mills

Agent & D. O. B. & T. H. L.

State of Alabama, B. R. & T. H. L.
 Office Chief Dr Mr.

Montgomery, Ala. June 1868.

Arthur M. C.

To D. C. Rugg, Esq.

Montgomery, Ala.

Sir:

Your Special requisition for supply of
 Stationery for month of June 1868, is here-
 with returned, without the approval of the
 Commissioner, and your attention called to
 Circular # of date 25, "Ala. from War Dept.
 B. R. & T. H. L. Office Chief G. M.

Very respectfully

M. C. Arthur

Chf G. M.

Montgomery, Ala. June 2, '68.
 Beecher, Edwin.
 To D. C. Rugg, Esq.
 Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: I enclose my check No 159 on New York
 for \$761.27 in payment of your account current
 for May of \$748.07 and Postage account
 for March \$13.00.

I also send duplicate receipts
 for \$564.50 proceeds of sale of damaged Com-
 munity Stores. Hereafter if you should
 have any funds to remit I would suggest
 that you advise me of it and retain the money
 until I direct what to do with it, as we are
 not authorized to allow any premium on checks.

I return one of your Account Sales
 for explanation. If the Corn was donated
 by a relief association please say what one.

The A. C. B. here says it was donated Corn
 but does not know from whom it came. This
 must be shown, or I have to keep different
 accounts of that purchased and donated.

No application appointment was
 ever made at Washington for you until the
 one as Sub-Clerk Colar, dated Feb 26. Major
 Shorkley suggests that you make out a
 voucher for the time you acted as clerk
 in January and February and send
 them to him for his Certificate, send also
 a full statement of all the facts, and we will
 forward them to Washington, and endeavor to
 obtain an approval.

Respectfully
 Edwin Beecher
 D. O. B. & T. H. L.

State of Alabama, Civ. R. & S.
Bureau, Montgomery June 1st '68.

Shortley, Geo.
To, D. C. Rugg, S. A. Co.
Milledgeville, Ala.

Sir: Enclosed herewith discharges of the following named colored soldiers whose claims for bounty, &c have been allowed. The amounts set opposite their respective names is in the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer of the Bureau for remittance to claimants.

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Austin Clements | Pri E. 16" U.S.A. | \$ 203. ⁸⁰ |
| Reuben Raglan | " 4. 101 " " " | 324. ²⁵ |
| Thomas Harris | " " " " " | 312. ²⁵ |

Please acknowledge receipt.

By Order of
Col & Act Brig Gen. O. L. Shepherd
Geo. Shortley
Capt 15th Inf Art Majt U.S.A., aad.

Office Sub Arch Comr Civil R. & S.
Dist of Jacksonville, Ala.

June 2nd 1868.

Harrison Robt, Capt 33rd Inf. &c
To Col D. C. Rugg, S. A. Co.
Milledgeville Ala.

Colonel: I have the honor to request that you forward me my retained papers of the Civil R. & S. I have been ordered to this station by the same Department and I find my retained papers will be a great assistance to me in organizing my business here.

Very Respectfully
Robt Harrison
Capt 33rd Inf Sub Arch Comr

War Dept Civ. R. & S.
Office Chief Dis. Officer.
Washington June 2nd 1868.

Ballock Gen Geo. H.
To D. C. Rugg Agent,
Milledgeville, Ala.

Sir: Enclosed I send you my checks on W. B. West Treasurer, at New York to pay bounty &c due the following claimants whose receipts I have received.

| | | |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| No. 1229 | Ollman Walker | \$ 194. ⁵⁰ |
| No. 1230 | Joseph Rooks | \$ 100. ⁰⁰ |

On the 6th of March last money vouchers in the case of Elijah Higgins were sent you, since which time nothing has been heard of them.

Please explain delay.
Respy, Yr Obedient Servant.
Geo W Ballock
Act Brig Gen. & Chf D. O.

Head Qrs Fort Clark, Texas,
May 16, 1868.

Higgins Elijah
To Capt Robert Harrison, &c.

I address you with a few lines. I wish you would if you please to inquire into the case of my bounty and send me an answer. I have been looking for the money sometime. I wish you would please to see about it; if the money cannot be got please send me my discharge.

Elijah Higgins
C. C. #1 U.S. Supt. Acty Steward
Head Master.
E. B. 32.

Office Sub Asst Comr Allt
Sub Dist of Tusculum, Ala.
June 8 1868.

Dwerry, N.
To Col D. C. Rugg.

Sub Asst Comr Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. transmitting the discharges of the following named discharges Colored Soldiers, whose claims for bounty &c have been allowed.

Jeremiah Thomas Co. 3rd 4th Ayt U.S.C. 3rd
Thomas Healey " 10th 110th "
John Jones " " "
Allen Thompson " " "

Very Respectfully

See L. S. 93 1868

N. DWERRY
Lieut 15th U.S. Infantry &
Sub Asst Commissioner

Office Asst & S. C. Co. 3rd 110th Ayt
Huntsville, Ala., June 9, 1868

Mills, J. N.

To D. C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comr
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:

Yours of 8th inst is before me, please remit amt by Express.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. N. Mills.
Agt & S. C. Co. 3rd 110th Ayt

Huntsville, Ala., June 7 1868.
Martin J. St.
To Col D. C. Rugg.
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:

I received your letter a few days ago, and would have answered before this but have been making inquiry about Ben Patterson but I cannot find out where he lives, I don't know him will let him know that you want him if I find out where he lives.

See Rogers I understand went to Madison County and took his horse by force, he has him now.

Yours respectfully
J. H. Martin

Huntsville, Ala., June 4 1868.

Hyde, M. N.

To Col D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr Huntsville, Ala.

Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Your favor with inclosures is to hand and contents noted. I herewith enclose the affidavit and vouchers signed according to your instructions if anything additional should be required please inform me. On the receipt of any money at your office please notify me of the fact and oblige.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. N. Hyde.

See L. S. 96 1868

Office Agent Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Numberville, Ala. June 13, 68.

Mills J. N. W.
To D. B. Rugg,
Sub Agent Courier Bu. R. F. & A. L.,
Numberville, Ala.,

Sir,
Solomon Short late of Co. "D" 110th Regt USCT
lives a few miles from this place, will see
him early next week.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. N. W. Mills
Agent Bu. R. F. & A. L.

Northeast Crossing, Texas.
May 14, 1868.

Johnson. Lewis, Bvt Lt Col.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C. & C.,
Sir,

In accordance
with the letter received from you in the case of
Private Addison Key Co. H. 41st Infantry, late
of Co. A. 110th U. S. C. Infy. I herewith address
you again to ascertain what information you
have received of his bounty claim.

Please address your reply to Fort
Stockton, Texas.

CB 32.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Lewis Johnson
Bvt Lt Col. U.S.A.
Comd'g Station

Rosenbach Sidor Memphis, Tenn. June 11, 68.
To De Rugg,
Numberville, Ala.

Sir:
In reply to yours 9th inst, you may send
the 7 car loads Corn to me - on commis-
ion - and I shall try to sell it as fast as
possible and remit for it when sold. The
market is rather dull at present; for the kind
I been getting of Meigs Falls & Co. will bring
70 cts per bushel, however I shall do the
best I can for you.

Respectfully Yours
Sidor Rosenbach.

Office Acty. Asst. R. M. Carter
Chattanooga, Tenn. June 10, 1868.

Whiting S. J.
To Lt. Bro. H. Ballantine,
15 U.S. Infantry, U. A. & M.
Numberville, Ala.

Lieutenant:
I have the honor to acknowledge herewith
receipt of duplicate and triplicate B's for Hospital
Suits &c, received from you on the 9th inst. by the Local
Agent of the M. & A. Co. at Numberville, Ala. for
transportation and delivery to J. S. McGogg Sub-
Agent Courier Bureau R. F. & A. L. at Talladega,
Ala. As those stores are not consigned to me
and, moreover, as under General orders No 29, & No
4. O. series of 1867, the transportation both of persons
and freight required by the Freedmen Bureau
has ceased to be furnished by the Quarter Master
Department in states where disbursing officers of the
Bureau are stationed. I respectfully decline to receive
and forward the property mentioned and herewith

return the S.D.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
S. J. Whiting
2nd Lieut 4th U.S. Infantry,
Brigade Captain & A. G. M.

Trinity School, Athens, Ala.,
June 15th 1868.

Mills, M. J.

To D. L. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commr, Bu. R. I. & A. S.,
Monteville, Ala.

Dear Sir,

As the close of the school year approaches, it seems desirable to know what the Bureau can do for us another year.

The American Missionary Association and Western Freedmen's Aid Commission desires to continue Trinity School hoping to establish a permanent seminary and Normal school in Athens, during the coming year.

Can you keep this building for us another year? If so we shall leave our goods and chattels here and go north for our summer rest, glad and hopeful.

We expect to have examination and exhibition next week. Would the Bureau honor us on that occasion? If so we should be more than pleased and will send notice of day &c. in due time.

As I have heard nothing from Mr. Sulzner lately, I conclude that the rent which he has been so long expecting is paid. I hope at least. The Blackboards have not yet arrived.

Very Resp.
M. J. Mills
act as a matter of fact

Bureau R. I. & A. S.,
Office Sub-Asst Commr
Pulaski Tenn June 14th 68

Simpson C. K.

To D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Commr.

Sir:

Jefferson Bunson desires his discharge forwarded to him in care of this office. Will you please give me the names to Regt & Co Art of those formerly members of the 11th & 11th Regt whose claims for were ~~attained~~ forwarded by Capt Becker of Athens. Also the name of the Bureau Agt at that place.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
C. K. Simpson
Sub Asst Commr

War Dept. Bu. R. I. & A. S.,
Claim Dir. Washington June 9, 68.

Drew, W. P.

To Brig Gen C. L. Shepherd, U.S.A.,
Asst Commr Bu & Montgomery, Ala
General:

I am directed to inform you that the Second Auditor of the Treasury reports the claim for bounty of Arthur Kelly, father of Coleman Kelly, suspended for evidence of service and death. The name of the Soldier is not borne on the rolls of Co. 15th U.S.C.T.

Claim filed by M. W. Dugessoll
suspended attorney of Nashville Tenn.

Claimants P.O. address is Huntsville Ala.
With Evidence please return this letter.

E.B. 35.

I am Very Resp.
Wm P Drew. act as a matter of fact

Sub Dist of Talladega, Ala.
Talladega, Ala, June 10. 68.

McGoggy James F.

To D. C. Rugg.

Sub Asst Comr. Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:

Having been relieved from duty, as Sub Asst Comr. and ordered from this place, will you do me the kindness to return to me by mail my signed Receipt, which I will substitute with that of Lieut Sherwood. Will you please attend to this matter at once.

Dec. 106, L. S. 1
also 110. same book

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

James F. McGoggy
Sub Asst Comr

State of Alabama, Bu B & A L
Office Chf Ar Master
Montgomery, Ala, June 16. 68.

Arthur M. Co.

To D. C. Rugg,

Sub Asst Comr

Huntsville Ala

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to enclosed letter of James M. Johnson Sub Asst Comr. Chattanooga, Tenn. transmitting enclosed original B of L. You are respectfully informed that all transportation for stores, either belonging to or in charge of this Bureau, must be issued by officers of this Bureau. You are therefore requested to return the enclosed B of L to the officer who issued the same and issue one in lieu thereof in your own name, covering the

transportation of the stores to Chattanooga, at the same time a separate one covering transportation of the same from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga. per H. C. R. C. You will consign these stores to Care of C. J. Watson, D. C. Bu B & A L Atlanta, Ga. As they are already at Chattanooga I would suggest that you enclose the B of L with letter of transmittal to James M. Johnson, Sub Asst Comr Chattanooga requesting him to receive the same. Please give this matter your immediate attention, as it is of the utmost importance, that these stores should be at Talladega by the 22nd inst.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

J. Henry Walker.

in absence of

H. C. Arthur, Chf G. M.

Bureau B & A L

Sub Dist of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn June 15. 68.

Johnson James M.

To H. H. Bower, Lieut & Asst

Nashville Tenn.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Original B of L of stores consigned to J. F. McGoggy, D. C. Talladega, Ala. over Memphis & Charleston R. C. But Capt Whitening A. A. G. M. at this Post declines to receive these property and furnish transportation forward.

In a personal interview with him he informed me that he had returned the duplicate & duplicate B of L to Lieut Ballantine and wrote him that he could not furnish transportation for Bureau property under existing orders. The property is here and in good order, awaiting transportation

Please return the enclosed P/L.
 Very Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant
 (Sgt) James M. Johnson
 Sub Asst Com

Bureau A.F. & A.S.
 Pulaski, Tenn., June 22/68.

Simpson A.R.
 To D.C. Rugg,
 Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: Thomas Collins late Corp Co H 110th U.S.C.
 wishes his discharge sent to him care of this
 office. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
 of Jefferson Brunson's discharge.

Very Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant
 C.R. Simpson
 Sub Asst Com

Strippling Lewis, Decatur, Ala., June 23/68.
 To Col. Rugg,
 Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: Regarding the receipt of my Bounty
 of which you wish to learn, I must say
 that I have not heard from it since. I gave
 you my application and signed some documents
 you sent me, which I returned to you.
 Hoping that you will be able to collect same.
 Very Respectfully,
 Lewis Strippling

Office Agent B.R. H. A. L.,
 Athens, Ala., June 24/68.

Mills, J.A. H.
 To D.C. Rugg,
 Sub Asst Com' Bureau
 Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: I herewith of the discharge Certificate
 of James Shork, late Pvt 2nd Co 110th U.S.C. hereby
 acknowledged.

No Receipts for Bounty, &c
 in case of Lewis Strippling late Pvt B Co, 42nd
 U.S.C. have been received.

With many thanks for your kindness
 in "arranging" application for Bounty, &c
 for widow of Lewis Austin I remain

Very Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant
 J.A. H. Mills
 Agt &c Bure.

Montgomery, Ala., June 22, 68
 (Becher, Edwin,
 To D.C. Rugg, S.A.C.
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: I enclose my check No 181 on Asst Treasry for \$250. in favor of Mr Hyde in payment of his account as agent.

Will you please notify me of its receipt.
 Respectfully
 Edwin Becher,
 Sec. S. S. 120 & 121, A. 1868.
 D.C. for Ala.

Decatur, Ala., June 25, 68
 Goodfellow, T. M.
 To D.C. Rugg,
 Sub Asst Comr
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: As I have to pay rent in a day or two and have nothing but my work to depend on. I will be obliged if you will send me the pay for the privy.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Building as per Contract | 18.00 |
| Digging pit | 2.00 |
| | <u>\$20.00</u> |

Very Respectfully
 T. M. Goodfellow

Bureau. R. A. S. L.
 Office Sub Asst Comr
 Pulaski Tenn. June 24, 68.

Simpson, C. R.
 To D.C. Rugg, S.A.C.,
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Thomas Collins, discharge Cert. 1st. Co. H. 1st. Inf. Very Respectfully so
 C. R. Simpson
 Sub Asst Comr

War. Department, Bu. R. S. S. A. S. L.,
 Office Chief Quartermaster
 Washington D.C. May 16, 68.

Whittelsey Henry M.
 To D.C. Rugg,
 Sub Asst Comr
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Your monthly Account "Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department" for the month of April 1868, has been received, examined and forwarded to Bk. Maj Gen M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

In Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commissioner
 Very Respectfully Your obedient Servt
 Henry M. Whittelsey
 Ch. Q. Mr. Bureau R. S. S. A. S. L.

War Department, Bu R.F. & A.S.,
Office Chief Q.M.
Washington D.C. May 14, 68.

Whittlesey Henry M.
To D. C. Rugg, D.A.C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:

Your Property Account Stores pertaining to the Bureau R.F. & A.S., for the month of April 1868. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Com.
Very Respectfully, Your obedient servant.
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Q.M. Bu R.F. & A.S.,

State of Alabama, Bu R.F. & A.S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Montgomery, Ala. June 15, 68

Arthur, H. C.
To D. C. Rugg, D.A.C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:

Your monthly accounts of "Stores pertaining to Bureau," & C. C. & G. E., for the month of May 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commissioner, Bu R.F. & A.S., at Washington, D.C.

By Order of Bk Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd, A.C.
H. C. Arthur
Chf Q.M. Bu R.F. & A.S., State of Ala

War Department, Bu R.F. & A.S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington June 25, 1868.

Whittlesey Henry M.
To D. C. Rugg, D.A.C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:

Your monthly Account "clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage & M. Department" for the month of May 1868, has been received, examined and forwarded to Bk Maj Gen M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster General U.S. A.,

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Com.
Very Respectfully, Your obedient servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Q.M. Bu R.F. & A.S.,

State of Ala Bu R.F. & A.S.,
Office Sup of Education
Montgomery, Ala. June 26, 1868.

Harper, R. D.
To Genl. D. C. Rugg.

My Dear friend:

After an absence of thirty days, and having been as far east as Vermont, I returned to my Head Quarters at Montgomery. I write you today, not officially, but as a friend to renew & continue an acquaintance to me pleasantly made at Huntsville. I remember with pleasure your personal kindness to me during my brief sojourn in your city.

In my report I recommended an appropriation at Huntsville for the erection of a large and commodious building for school purposes provided the people of Huntsville would furnish suitable grounds for a building. On my return Maj Shockley

informed me that no action would be taken until the grounds were furnished. Has anything been done in this matter? Can anything be done? I would be glad to hear that the colored people were moving in this good work that they would. I avail themselves of the assistance which might be obtained from the Bureau before it expires.

Would be glad to hear from you at some leisure moment. Kind regards to Mrs. Buss.
Yours Sincerely
R. D. Harper

War Department Bu R F W S,
Office Chf Q. Master
Washington D.C. June 29 '68.

Whittlesey Henry M.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Hunterville, Ala.,

Sir:-

Your Property Account Stores pertaining to the Bureau A. D. S. A. S., for the month of May 1868 has been received, examined, and forwarded to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Comr
Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey,
Chf Q. M. S. Bu R F W S

Montgomery, Ala., June 29 '68.
Beecher Edwin
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Hunterville, Ala.,

Sir:-

Your account for services as clerk from Jan'y 22 to 29 1868, has been allowed, at Washington and I herewith enclose Check No 1546. on Mobile for \$128.92 in payment. I am out of funds in New York at this time.

Respectfully,
Edwin Beecher
D. C. for Ala.

Conway, Mass., June 26. 68.
Harrington M. M.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Hunterville, Ala.,

Dear Sir:-

Presuming that you may have received authority from General Howard to defray the expenses of building fitting up our school building at Decatur, I take the liberty of forwarding Maj Goodfellow bill to you, the amount of which you will please transmit to me as soon as practicable. The building must be plastered and a floor laid during the vacation. I hope you will succeed in getting an appropriation for this also, but if you do not, I shall feel confident that it is not from want of effort on your part. Please ascertain and inform me at the earliest moment possible, what we may depend on from the Government as I wish to get my friends at the North to contribute for what is lacking, in season to get the work done before the opening of the

school, and the vacation will not exceed
two months if I can avoid it.

Address me in care of S. J. Shepardon
Esq, Conway Franklin Co. Mass

Very Respectfully,
M. Maria Harrington

Bureau R. F. A. Funds
Office Sub Asst Com Pulaski Tenn
July 7th 1868.

Simpson L. R.
To D. C. Rugg,
S. U. C. Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Turner Harnell late Co K "110" U.S.C.
wishes his discharge sent him in care of
this office.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
L. R. Simpson
Sub Asst Com

Montgomery, Ala., July 6th 1868.
Becher, Edwin
To D. C. Rugg, S. U. C.
Huntsville Ala.

Sir: I enclose herewith check No 1579 on
Mobile for \$390.80
Duplicate receipts for damages to store 288.63 = 679.43
To be applied on vouchers in your district as follows.

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|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Receipt Roll for June | 383.76 | |
| Hospital " " | 58.00 | |
| D. C. Fitch | 99.17 | |
| D. O. Passage | 1.00 | |
| Venable & Millard | 50.00 | |
| M. E. Patterson | 50.00 | |
| B. L. Allen | 12.50 | |
| J. M. Goodfellow | 18.00 | |
| Edmund Casley (Burying dead) | 6.00 | |
| Milton Williams | 1.00 | \$679.43 |

Mr F. Bulzner directs me to send the check
for his voucher for rent of school building
at Athens, to him at Mobile.

Your purchase vouchers will be paid as
soon as your returns are received by our chief
of M. Please advise me of receipt of check.

Respectfully

Edwin Becher
D. O. for Ala.

Quartermaster General's Office
Clothing & Equipage
Washington D.C. July 3 1868.

Perry, Alex. J.

To D C Rugg,

Sub Asst Comr. Freedmen's Bureau

Huntsville, Alabama.

Sir:-

Your return of Camp & Garrison Equipage
received as Sub Asst Comr Commissioner Bureau
of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Sub Dist of Huntsville, Ala., for the month of
May 1868. has been received and examined at
this office, and sent to the Second Auditor in the
Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

By Order of the Q. M. Genl

Alex. J. Perry

Bvt Brig Gen & G. M. U. S. A.

Houston, Ala., July 7 1868.

Hyde H. H.

To D C Rugg,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of June 25, 1868 is
to hand and contents noted, and in reply have
to say that I tender you my sincere thanks for
your communication, respecting the check, that
you have in my favor. on N. Y. for \$250⁰⁰ as agent
of the Freedmen's Bureau, will you please send
it to me by Express, C. O. D. to DeCATUR, MOBILE
Ala. I shall be there on the 10th or 12th
inst. to await its arrival, and by so doing
will very much oblige

Wm. H. Hyde

Your obedient servant
William H. Hyde

Bureau. R. F. T. A. L.,
Sub Asst Comr's Office,
Chattanooga, Tenn. July 9. 68.

Johnson James M.

To D C Rugg

Sub Asst Comr

Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:-

Eldridge Pittman, late Corp "B" 44th U.S.C.
states to me that you had informed him that
his claim for bounty, applied for through
Col Callis former Agent, at Huntsville, had
been allowed, and that his vouchers were
expected by you in a few days.

Pittman desires to be paid here, and
requests his vouchers - when received by you - be
forwarded to me for signature & payment.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

James M. Johnson,

Sub Asst Comr

Dec 1. 1861.

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Office Agent Bu. R. F. T. A. L.,
Athens, Ala. July 3, 1868.

Mills J. H.

To Amibal Tucker.

Washville Tenn.

You are hereby notified
that your claim for bounty &c has been allowed
& papers awaiting your signature are at this office.

J. H. Mills

Ag't of Bu. R. F. T. A. L.

see next page for answer
from J. B. Coon. L. C.

Rev. R. J. St. Louis
State of Tennessee
Office of the Genl. Claim Agent
Nashville, Tenn., July 6, 1868.

Gen. J. B.
To J. H. W. Mills
Agent, Bu. R. S. S. S.
Athens, Ala.,

Sir: I have the honor to inclose herewith, your notice to Hannibal Tucker, and would respectfully request that you send his vouchers to this office for his signature, as he states he is going to remain in this City.

Yr. O. B. 46.

By Order of Genl. Mayhew
W. P. Carlin U.S.A.
Asst Commr
J. B. Coon
G. C. Agh

Mar Dept Bu. R. S. S. S. Office C. S. O.
Washington D. C. July 10, 1868.

Bulloch, Geo. H.
To D. C. Rugg, Asst
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Enclosed I send you draft No. 339 on Asst Treas at New York for \$121.²⁰ the same bring proceeds of the hundred dollar 7³⁰ Bond sold for you as per your letter of July 2nd 1868.
D. S. S. 128. A. 1868

Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Bulloch
Asst Brig. Genl. Chf. D. O.

Mar Dept Bu. R. S. S. S. Claim Division
Washington, D. C. July 10, 1868.

Drew: Wm. P.
To D. C. Rugg, Esq.
Sub Asst Commr
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ult. requesting that the amount due Charles Grant as father of Cyrus Knoxville, late Corp. G. N. 17th U. S. C. T. deceased, be remitted to him through you, and enclosing what purports to be his affidavit to the receipt of an advance of thirty dollars from S. B. Hyam Attorney, of this City, through W. Combs & Co. of Memphis, Tenn., which you state you declined to approve. Being satisfied that no such advance had been made.

I have the honor to inform you that the Certificate of Charles Grant as above is in this office accompanied by Auditor's letter giving W. C. Webb, of Stevenson, Ala. as the Attorney in the claim, and his bills as such containing no charge for advance, beyond \$6.85 as Notarial fees, and an order from Grant to said Webb.

This order of course cannot be recognized, and the amount of the Certificate less the fees will be paid through you after this office is satisfied that the charge of \$6.85 for Notarial fees is correct.

Very Respectfully &c
Wm. P. Drew
Agent in Charge Division

Lea Allen.
To D.C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comm'r.

Stevenson, Ala., July 12th 1868.

Dear Sir:

I learn Soldiers Bounty claims can be paid off at your office, if so upon what authority can you pay a colored soldier's claim. Have you the names of all that are allowed or must they have a showing from Washington to present to you. Will you send their money to them without their coming to your office. Give me the instructions necessary, as I have some claims of the kind ready to be paid. Also please inform me if the affidavit of Charles Brant which you said you sent to Washington has returned or not. If so please send it by mail to me. By complying with the above request you will oblige your friend
D.C. R. 133.
Allen Lea.

Bureau R. F. & A. S., Sub Asst Comm'r office
Chattanooga Tenn July 13th 1868.

Johnson James M.
To D.C. Rugg, Sub Asst Comm'r
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the discharge Certificate together with vouchers for \$206 - for Eldridge Pittman, late Corp'l Co B 44th U.S.C.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
James M. Johnson
Sub Asst Comm'r

Bureau R. F. & A. S.,
Office Sub Asst Comm'r &c.
Pulaski Tenn, July 10th 1868.

Simpson, G. R.
To D.C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comm'r Bu R. F. & A. S.,
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the discharge Cert. of Turner Harville late Pvt Co K 110th U.S.C.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
G. R. Simpson
Sub Asst Comm'r

Arkadelphia Walker Co, Ala.
June 28. 1868.

Garrison W. L.
To D.C. Rugg,
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:- By examining Gen. Wallis' books I guess you can see that my wages for the month of September last as Sgt B. F. & A. S., for the County of Blount is unpaid. When I was last at Huntsville the Gen said that he could not pay me all until my papers was examined at Washington, and I think time enough has passed for that to be done and would like you would be so kind as to look into the matter and send me my money as I am very busy on my farm and will not have time soon to come to Huntsville. Please send the money by mail in a registered letter to Arkadelphia Walker Co, Ala. I am very much in need of the money at this time to hire hands to work for me and to buy provisions for my family &c. &c.

525
170
335

Office Agent &c. Bull F & A L
Athens, Ala., July 16th 1868.

Mills J. H.
To Bst Maj. Gen. W. P. Earlin
Asst Comd Bu A. F & A L
Nashville, Tenn.

General:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith the
receipts for bounty &c for signature and discharge
Certificate of Hannibal Tucker, Co B 101 U.S.C.

E. B. 42.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Mills.
Agent &c. Bull F & A L

Office Agent Bull F & A L,
Athens Ala., July 16th 1868.

Mills J. H.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:-

In reply to yours of 13th inst, received this a. m.
state that since being informed that Solomon Short
late of Co H 110th U.S.C.D. lived on Elk River some
eight miles from here and would be in town in a few
days I have heard nothing from or of him.

I have the receipts for signature and dis. Cert. of
Joseph Bentford Co A 110 U.S.C. and
Miley Lemancy " D " " " " which
were sent some time as Louis Armstrongs and can
find no one that can give any information
about them here. Can you?

Very Respectfully &c
J. H. Mills.
Agent &c. Bull F & A L

Montgomery, Ala., July 17th 1868.

Arthur H. L.
(Telegram) to D. C. Rugg.
Sub Asst Comd
Huntsville, Ala.

Send mule & Cart
overland, by A. D. Strickland, his charge for
bringing them will be paid here. will send
printed order by mail.

H. L. Arthur
Chf. G. M. Bureau

Chattanooga July 9, 1868.
Moyers R. M.
To D. C. Rugg.
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:-

Yours of 8th inst, recd - as to the bal of the
Corn of which you speak I will furnish
new Burlap Bags and allow you 42¢
for the nett Corn. Please write by return
and if you accept the proposition I will
furnish sacks and ship them immediately.

E. B. 42.

Yours very Respectfully
R. M. Moyers
Per R. M.

State of Ala., Bull. F. & T. S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Montgomery, Ala., July 14 1868.

Arthur, W. L.
To D. C. Rugg,
P. A. C. Huntsville, Ala.,
Sir:-

Your return of Bureau stores with Abs "S" and vouchers all for month June, is herewith returned for correction viz: The expenditure of item framed "Rim" per Abs "S" is required irregular and improper such articles can in no instance be expended, and can only be dropped from your return on authority of the Comr of this Bureau.

Very Respectfully,
W. L. Arthur
Chf Q. M.

Horsehead Crossing Texas,
June 25 1868.

Scott, Leonard.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C. &c
Huntsville, Ala:

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst. and respectfully request you to send me my discharge Certificate by return of mail.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Leonard ⁱⁿ Scott,
late Comdr 110th U.S. Col.

Witness } L. Johnson
Bot & Seal

Huntsville, Ala., July 23, 1868.
Southern Express Co. Express Forwarders.
Received from Capt D. C. Rugg, 1 Pkg. sealed and said to contain one hundred and twenty one \$100 bills.
Addressed "James King Friedman,
Madison Station, Ala."
Call
Porter Company. W. H. Forman.

Bureau Refugee Freedmen & S.
Office Asst Comr Chattanooga, Tenn.
July 28, 1868.

Johnson Jas M.
To D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr &c
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Matthew Nesbit late Pvt E 44th U.S.C.T. Co. Col. Callis receipt for his application for bounty, of which the following is a copy.

Office Friedman Bureau
Huntsville, Ala. June 26/68.

I have this day received of Matthew Nesbit, his discharge and application for Bounty.
Sgd Jas B. Callis Cdr & Supt

Nesbit desires to be informed whether his claim has been allowed, and if so to be paid here as he is here at work for the So Western Rolling Mill Co.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
James M. Johnson
Sub Asst Comr

See L. S. 134 "A"
L. B. "B" # 105

State of Alabama, Bu. R. T. S. S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Montgomery, Ala., July 29, 1868.

Arthur H. C.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Your monthly accounts of "Stores pertaining to
Quartermaster", & C. C. & G. E., for the month of June 1868,
have been received, examined and forwarded to
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Comr Bu. R. T. S. S.,
at Washington D. C.

By Order of Brig. Gen. O. S. Shepherd
Asst. Commissioner
H. C. Arthur
Ch. Q. M. Bu. R. T. S. S., Ala.

State of Alabama, Bu. R. T. S. S.,
Office Chief Q. M.
Montgomery, Ala., July 27th.

Arthur H. C.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: Enclosed please find receipts (duplicate)
of "Stores pertaining to Bureau" received.
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
H. C. Arthur
Ch. Q. M.

War Department, Bu. R. T. S. S.,
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington, D. C. July 27, 1868.

Ballock Geo. H.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: Enclosed herewith I return you Check No. 461
on the Asst. Treas. of the U. S. at N. Y. drawn by
Paymaster A. A. Tucker, in favor of Solomon Short
N. C. 110th U. S. C. bearing date 15th August 68.
The check having been drawn prior to the
passage of the act of Congress authorizing the
payment of bounties through the Bureau, no
action can be taken on it. Chas. R. Simpson
is the Agent of the Bureau at Pulaski & he
may be able to find the claimant.

Respectfully &c
Geo. H. Ballock
Brig. Gen. & C. S. O.
per Pay

Bureau Refugees, P. T. S. S.,
Sub Dir. of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tenn., July 30, 1868.

Johnson James M.
To D. C. Rugg
Sub Asst. Comr
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the discharge Certificate together with vouchers
for bounty due Matthew Nesbitt late Co. 844th
Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James M. Johnson
Sub Asst. Comr

State of Alabama *B. F. T. S.*
 Office Surgeon-in-chief.
 Montgomery, Ala. July 28. 66

Gray A. J.
 To D. C. Rugg,
 Sub Arch Comr
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Dear Sir:-

Your telegram of yesterday received.
 It is with profound regret I learn of the serious illness of Dr Fitch and hope still it may not be attended with the result you fear.

Should it be so however I have to request that you will close the hospital following the directions contained in my letter to Dr F. of the 11th inst.

Transportation for patients was forwarded to him at that time - The final papers, reports, statements &c pertaining to the Hospital can be made by the Steward, and signed by him as "Steward in charge". Please see that he attends to those matters without delay.

It will not be expedient for me to come to A at present, and probably it will not be necessary as my verbal instructions to you at the time of my last visit and my written instructions to Dr Fitch since, will be sufficient guide.

I desire that the hospital be entirely discontinued to date July 31.

Please to advise me early of your action in the premises.

P.S. If one slave can be obtained, some reliable colored man can be sent with the patients. Transportation for his return was provided.

A. J. Gray
 Surgeon in chief.

War Department, B. F. T. S. Co.,
 Office Chief Quartermaster
 Washington Aug 4th 1868.

Whittlesey Henry M.
 To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Co.
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:-

Your monthly accounts, Clothing Camp & Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department for the month of June 1868, has been received, examined and forwarded to Brig Gen M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster General U. S. A.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
 Very respectfully, Your Oth Servant
 Henry M. Whittlesey
 Chf Q. M. B. F. T. S. Co.,

War Dept B. F. T. S. Co.,
 Office Chief Quartermaster
 Washington D. C. Aug 5th 68.

Whittlesey Henry M.
 To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Co.
 Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:-

Your Property account, Stores pertaining to the Bureau B. F. T. S. Co., for the month of June 1868, has been received, examined and forwarded to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
 Very respectfully, Your Oth Servant
 Henry M. Whittlesey
 Chf Q. M. B. F. T. S. Co.,

Beecher Edwin

To D. C. Rugg, Esq.
Moulsville, Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed my check No. 206 on New York for \$59.⁸² in payment of the following vouchers at your station for June 1868. Viz:

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|---|---------|
| Your Postage Acct for June | \$13.17 |
| W. Janora | 13.50 |
| Chas Scrugg | 6.15 |
| Edmund Earley | 12.00 |
| A. D. Strickler (74 th Snorkler) | 15.00 |
| | \$59.82 |

Please advise me of receipt

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D. C. for Ala

Office Sub Cash Comr. A. D. S. M. S.,
Sub Dist of Tusculum, Ala., Aug 7, 1868.

Ruines Jno W.

To D. C. Rugg, Esq.
Moulsville, Ala.

Sir:

Yours of this date just received. By direction of the Captain I enclose herewith invoices and receipts of stores pertaining to Barran this office. Please sign receipts and return to me as soon as convenient. Every thing is all right.

Very Respectfully,
Jno W Ruines.

Beecher Edwin

To D. C. Rugg, Esq.
Moulsville, Ala.

Sir:

The letter of W. C. Garrison in relation to his pay as Agent for Sept 1867 with your endorsement has been referred to me for reply.

By examining my books I find the following facts. On Oct 7th 1867, I sent to Gen Callis the money for the payment of the Receipt Roll for Sept "except the nine Agents". I stated to him that they could not be paid until Certificate of non-indebtedness were filed. On Oct 28th I received from Gen Callis a letter dated 25th "inclosing six Certificates" but the letter does not give the names of the six. and as I forwarded them to him Washington with my vouchers I have not got the names of the six. On the same day I sent to Gen Callis a check on New York No. 91 for \$250 in payment of the six for whom Certificates were sent me. The retained vouchers in my possession show the three following names erased, they not having filed the Certificates required, viz: James Danforth, M. M. Gilbreath, W. C. Tenge. Afterwards on Dec 30, I forwarded to Gen Callis checks Nos. 108-109 on New York in favor of Danforth & Tenge, they having forwarded Certificates of non-indebtedness leaving only Mr Gilbreath unpaid, whose voucher is still in my possession awaiting his final Certificate.

From this statement it appears clear that the money was sent to Gen Callis in October 28. If Mr Garrison has not got the money it must be in Gen Callis hands. If your records show any thing different from this statement you will oblige by advising me of it that I may hunt it up.

Respectfully

St. Calum Ala Aug 12th 1868
 Aug 6th 5th to
 but Ass Comm. P. R. D. S.
 606

The Ku Klux are playing
 the devil with the negroes about here. Night
 before last they went to the cabin of an inoffensive
 negr, called him out and shot him to death.

They have hung and killed nine negroes in the
 county near here in the last week. They killed a
 negr last night near Moulton. The negroes
 are frantic with rage, and a conflict seems
 to be inevitable - S. C. Comtwell and other Agents
 here requested me to call on you in their name
 for protection - say a squad of 12 men and a
 Orgt. for a short time. It is understood here
 that the Bureau Agt. has authority to call for
 troops in such cases. Humphreys has had his
 house broken into, his family frightened almost
 to death, by about fifty of these fiends, who
 entered the house and gave the family three
 days to leave the country or suffer death. The
 whole family leave tonight.

If it is possible to do anything for
 these people for Gods sake do it.

Truly Yours
 J. H. Davis

Lowell Ala Aug 13th 1868
 To Agt. Reddys Bureau
 Huntsville Ala.

I have information
 from Washington D. C. that my claim for
 bounty and services on the Govt. was settled
 on the 31st of July 1868, by Treasury Certificate.

I wish to know if it or the receipt has
 been sent to you. If there is any Agency at
 Tuscumbia, it may have been sent to that
 place. If you have not received it let
 me know if there is any agency at Tuscumbia.

Yours Respectfully
 Martin Gilcrease (old)

Direct your message
 to care of M. J. Gilchrist

Montgomery Ala
 August 13th 1868

Aug 5th 6th to
 but Ass Comm.
 Huntsville Ala

For I enclose check
 No. 219, on New York for \$587.00 in payment
 of your account, rendered for July 1868.

I also send duplicate receipts for \$492²⁵/₁₀₀
 proceeds of sale of damaged arms.

Please advise me of receipt.

Respectfully
 Edwin Beecher
 S. O. for Ala.

Neatur Ala
August 16th 1868.

Cugg Co. S. Co.
Out Arch Comm re

Dear Sir

I made all the enquiry as to the killing of the colored man, that I could - and as near as I can get at it the circumstances are as follows. A few days before Richard Stevenson - his former young master was engaged in conversation with the deceased (Jim Stevenson) on politics - the former urged that Jim vote for Symmons &c to which he objected, saying he knew which party gave him freedom, and he would not forsake it - warm words passed between them, and Richards told Jim if he did not take care he would be ku kluxed - Jim remarked that he was not afraid - that if they came for him he would get one of them.

On Monday night they went to his house and jumped into his door before he was aware of their approach and said now damn you "get one of us" and ordered him out - he was in bed with his wife, he refused to obey their words passed, and then they tried to drag him out but his resistance was very strong.

After scuffling awhile they drew on him and shot him three times killing him at once - he was a very respectable industrious man, had a good name among all classes - It is also said that he was the only man who knew the particulars of a horse ~~steal~~ stealing affair, which there was fear would come to light under the new state of affairs, and that his mouth was accordingly stuffed at all events it was a piece of cold blooded murder

It was the same party that drove Humphreys away, and the same night broke into the house of Byson - Constable elect (old) who made his escape out of a window. There is a very unsettled state of affairs - the negroes have been threatened with wrath in self defence - they are armed and drill at night. The citizens are alarmed - they had a meeting last night at the night before, and getting very much scared about the "Kligger" demonstrations - if the Ku Klux keep on serious results may be averted, but notwithstanding the fact that not less than 200 negroes are armed really who will lay in ashes every rebel house in the place in one night - If the Ku Klux who are doubtless of the white citizens will cease their nightly depredations there will no mischief be done.

The people are to blame not the negroes. When I think of the treatment they receive I am amazed at their forbearance - I was not at home two hours yesterday, before one of the leaders called on me - I found them ready to do sad work if anything more occurs - I counsel self defence only -

Yours very truly
J. M. Goodfellow

State of Alabama, And. Prov.
Office Surgeon-in-chief.
Montgomery, Ala., Aug 11 '68

Gray, A. Judson.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. C.
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:

The following is a copy of a letter received from the Chief Medical Officer in reference to the mode of effecting a settlement of the late Dr. Fitch's property accts. Please be governed by its provisions in your action as a "Board of Survey".

Washington, Aug 7th 1868,
To Dr. A. Judson Gray
Surgeon-in-chief, Dist. of Ala.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your communication of the 3rd inst. announcing the death of Dr. E. P. Fitch at Huntsville, Ala., on the 28th ult., and receive the intelligence with regret. The following instructions relative to the proper mode of proceeding in the settlement of the property accounts of the deceased will be observed. You will request the Asst. Commissioner of the Dist. to convene a "Board of Survey" for the purpose of taking an inventory of the Medical and Hospital property for which Dr. Fitch was responsible and to invoice the same to his successor or other proper authority to be designated by the Surgeon-in-chief and for which receipts will be given to the Board.

The Board should then prepare Return of the Property from the last return, and the record of the office of the deceased officer, which, after receiving the approval of the officer ordering the detail of the Board should be transmitted to this office.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,
Signed L. A. Edwards
Surgeon U. S. A., Brk. Cal.
Chief Medical Officer.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,
Signed A. Judson Gray,
Surgeon-in-chief.

Quartermaster General's office
Clothing and Equipage
Washington City, D. C., Aug 10, 1868.

Perry Alex. J.
To D. C. Rugg,
S. A. C. Brk. Cal.,
Huntsville, Ala.,

Sir:-

Your Return of Camp and Garrison Equipage rendered as Sub. Asst. Commissioner Br. A. F. T. A. S., for June 1868. has been received and examined at this office, and sent to the second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Remarks.

Receipt from Lieut. Geo. P. Sherwood, S. A. C. Br. A. F. T. A. S., must be furnished to replace certified list of transfer filed with the return.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant,
By Order of the Q. M. Genl
Alex. J. Perry
Brk. Brig. Gen. & Q. M. U. S. A.

Sub Dist of Talladega, Dist.
Talladega, Ala., Aug 19, 1868.

Sherwood, Geo P.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Muntville, Ala.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 15th inst. I have the honor to state that the stores mentioned in the enclosed receipts have not reached me as yet. When they do arrive, and I receive Invoices and Receipts I will sign the receipts and return to you.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Geo P. Sherwood,
1st Lieut 42nd U S Infly
Sub Asst Commissioner.

Sub Dist of Chhattauoga Trans. Dist.
Chhattauoga, Aug 20, 1868.

Johnson James M.
To D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Muntville, Ala.

Sir:

I am notified by the agt of the M. & C. R. R. that there is a lot of Hospital stores received, consigned to my care here, for Dr. W. B. Van Duzen, U. S. A. at Talladega, Ala.

I have not received R.F. over the M. & C. R. R. Please forward them by return mail as the stores are held here until they arrive. I do not furnish transportation at this point for anything.

Very Respectfully,
James M. Johnson
S. A. C.

Fort Craig Mo. Mo.
July 17, 1868.

Crawford, A. M. L.
To Maj Gen. O. A. Howard, Comr.
General:

The discharge paper of Perry Olford, late a Private, Co. "D" 44th Regt Mo. S. A. T. was given to W. Waller, Agt R. R. F. & A. L., at Decatur, Ala. in May 1865. No receipt was given by Mr. Waller. Information was received by Olford in the Spring of 67 while at Fort Harker, Kansas en route to this Territory (as a Pvt Co 38. Infly) that the money due him was at Muntville, Ala. in the hands of Col. Callis, (now Capt Callis) since which time he has been unable to learn anything further as to get his money.

I have the honor to request that the money be sent to him at this point thro the Agt of the Regt.

Sir:

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. M. L. Crawford,
1st Lieut Co 38. Infly.

Thomas Andrew
 Capt. B. A. S.
 Greenville Miss.

Rosedale Miss July 31st 1868

Sir
 I placed my claim for bounty in the hands of Col. J. P. Wallis but Arch Commissioner Bureau A. Friedman A.S. at Huntsville Ala. June 26th 1868.

I have corresponded with him since that time, and can learn nothing satisfactory concerning it. So long a time has elapsed that I have some misgiving that I have not been fairly dealt with in this matter and therefore I request that this inquiry may be forwarded to the Bureau at Washington D.C. and inquiry be there made by the Commissioner, whether my claim for bounty has been allowed or wherefore it has not been, and the information returned to me at this place.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant

(Sgd) James Preston

Late Musician Co. E 44th U.S. C.O.

I witnessed the above signature and know the applicant to be the identical James Preston who was a musician in Co. E 44th U.S. C.O.

(Sgd)

J. A. Webster

Sale Lt. Co. 44th U.S. C.O.

Sale Capt. B. A. S.

Sub Dist. Rosedale

See E. Book 111

State of Alabama, B. A. S. T. S.,
 Office Chief Quartermaster
 Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 15, 1868.

Arthur H. Co.

Do. D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr

Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:-

Your Monthly accounts of stores pertaining to Bureau G. H. Co. & G. E., for the month of July 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj. Gen. O. & Howards, Comr. B. A. S. T. S., at Washington.

By Order of B. A. S. T. S. Gen. O. S. Shepherd, A. Comr.

W. C. Arthur;

Chf. Q. M. B. A. S. T. S., Alabama.

Sub Dist. of Chattanooga, B. A. S. T. S.,
 Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1868.

Johnson, James M.

Do. D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr

Huntsville, Ala.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith duplicate B. A. S. of Hospital stores properly receipted.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant

James M. Johnson

Sub Asst Comr.

War Department Bu. R. F. T. S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington, D.C. Aug 21. 68.

Whittlesey Henry, M.
To. D. C. Rugg, S. A. Comr
Muntville, Ala.

Sir:

Your monthly Account C. L. & G. E., Q. M.
Department for the month of July 1868, has
been received, examined, and forwarded to
Brk Maj Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster
General, U. S. Army.

By Order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Henry M. Whittlesey
Chf Q. M. Bu. R. F. T. S.

War Department Bu. R. F. T. S.,
Office Chief Quartermaster,
Washington, D.C. Aug 21. 68.

Meankin, E.
To. D. C. Rugg, Esq.,
Sub Asst Comr
Muntville, Ala.

Sir:

The enclosed requisition bring voucher 21.
Abstract "I" of your account of Bureau R. F. T. S.
Stores for the month of July 1868, is respectfully
returned for correction.

The Agent on duty at Athens,
Ala., is entitled to the authorized monthly al-
lowance of stationery, and requisition therefor should
have been made by him and not by the S. A. C. on
duty at Muntville. Attention is invited to the
provisions of Circular No 4 issued by the Comr.

May 25, 1868, Copy Enclosed.

By Command of
Maj Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servant,
E. Meankin,
Act in charge in absence of
Chf Quartermaster Bu. R. F. T. S.

Branch Office Freedman's S. & F. Co
Muntville, Ala., Aug. 29, 1868.
Robinson Lafayette,
To Col. D. C. Rugg,
Sub Asst Comr Bu. R. F. T. S.,
Muntville, Ala.

Sir:

As you cannot furnish me room for the
Freedman's Savings & Trust Co Bank in your
Office I will have to call on you to give me
some direction what I shall do in regard to the
above.

Me C B

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servt
Lafayette Robinson
Cashr S. & F. Co.

Montgomery Ala
September 5th 1868

Rugg S. C. Esq
Sub Asst Comm^r

Monteville Ala

For I enclose check
on New York N. 251 for - \$256.21
Duplicate receipts 219.58
\$475.79

which amount please apply on the vouchers
contained in your account current for August 1868,
except the following due Mr. Reglow on receipt
rolls - - - \$99.17

J. W. Pollard 5.00 - \$104.17
Mr Reglow cannot be paid until you file a
certificate of his nondebtedness (see Circular No. 24,
Mar 5th 1868 & D. A. S.)

We cannot pay tax bills of any character. I
once submitted this question direct to Washington,
and the answer ~~came back~~ was unequivocally against it.

Please advise me of receipt of check

Respectfully

Edwin Tucker

SO for Ala

Branch Office Freedman's S. & D. C.
Monteville Ala Aug. 29th 1868.

Rugg Robt S. Esq
Sub Asst Comm^r D. A. S.

Monteville Ala

For

As you cannot
furnish me room for the Freedman's Savings and
Trust Co. Bank in your office, I will have to call
on you to give me some direction what I shall
do in regard to the above

Very respectfully

Your obedt servant

(Signed) Lafayette Robinson
Cash. S. & D. C.

Sub District of Talladega
Bureau of D. A. S. Office Sub Asst Comm^r
Talladega Ala Sept 9th 1868

Rugg Mr. S. C.
Sub Asst Comm^r

Monteville Ala

For

I have the honor
to return herewith Receipts duly signed for
to C. & S. shipped on the 20th of June 1868.

Very respectfully

Your obedt servant

Geo. P. Sherwood

1st Lt. H. 2nd U. S. Infy
Sub Asst Comm^r

Blumson Ala
September 14th 1868.

Dear Sir

In answer to the letter to Leaser Mangbary, I will say, that Mangbary is dead, and I am the administrator of his estate. You will inform me what I have to do in order to obtain his bounty.

If it is necessary for me to sign any vouchers in the case please forward them to me by Maj Graham, who will satisfy you that I am the administrator as above stated.

Yours with respect
Allen Lea

Blumson Ala Sept 18th 1868.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry I will say that Leaser Mangbary has no wife, if he has any brothers or sisters or children, I have no knowledge of it. I have known him while in the service and ever since. He may have father, mother, sisters and brothers and children but I have no knowledge of any. It has been said here he had a child or children some where in America, but I never heard him speak of any.

Yours Respectfully
Allen Lea
Administrator of the Estate
of Saul Mangbary

State of Alabama
Bureau A. P. & L. Sands
Montgomery Ala Sept 25th 1868.

Mills Mr J. W. M.
Agent Bu. A. P. & L.
Athens Ala

Sir I enclose herewith the revocation of your appointment as Agent of the Bureau, dated Mar Department B. & P. & L. Washington D. C. September 11th 1868, to take effect October 1st 1868. Please acknowledge receipt.

By Order of
St. Lieut. Col. G. Beecher
Asst. Commissioner
Geo. K. Sanderson
Capt. 38th Infantry
A. A. A. General

State of Alabama
Bureau A. P. & L. Sands
Montgomery Ala September 25th 1868.

Rugg S. C.
Sub. Asst. Commr
Kumtreville Ala

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of duplicate receipts for arrears of Pay and Bounty allowed Green Phillips late Private Co. to 13th U. S. Cavalry. By Order of

St. Lieut. Col. G. Beecher
Asst. Commr
Geo. K. Sanderson
Capt. 38th Infantry
A. A. A. General

State of Alabama
Bureau R. & L. Lands
Montgomery Ala Sept. 26/68.

Rugg S. C. Esq
Huntsville Ala

Sir
Yours of 23rd saying
the certificate of non-indebtedness of Mr. Rugglow
was forwarded on the 4th inst. is just received.

No such certificate was received here, nor
any communication in relation to it. The letter
must have miscarried. As soon as one is
received the money will be forwarded.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
S. D. for Ala

Freedmens Hospital,
Balladaga Ala Sept. 23rd 1868.

S. C. Rugg
Sub Asst Commr

Sir
I have the honor to
transmit herewith duplicate receipts for medical
and Hospital supplies, transferred to me by yourself.
Many of the stores were received in an unserviceable
condition and corresponded in quantity to the
original invoices, except in the following articles,
which failed to reach me, viz -

| No of
Packages | Contents. | What contained |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 75 | 1 scales shop | 1 Panel |
| 10 | Pillowicks | |
| | 1 Kettle tea iron | |
| | 5 Sadders | |
| | 3 Basins small tin | |
| | 2 Sauce Pans | |
| | Stove fixtures | |
| 112/103 | 2 Chairs | 2 Packages |
| 106/104 | 2 Borden Wash | 2 " |
| 108 | 1 Tea Kettle | 1 " |
| 109/110 | 2 Stoves Iron | 2 " |
| 113 | 1 Pot Iron | 1 " |
| 114 | 1 Tea Kettle | 1 " |
| | 1 Iron Pedestal | |
| | 1 Jar | |

I have called for a Board of Survey
in order to fix the responsibility in the above
named articles

Very respectfully
Your obedt servant
Wm S Van Dusen
Asst Surg U. S. A. in Charge

State of Alabama
Bureau of A. & S. Lands
Montgomery Ala Oct 2nd 1868

Augg S. C. Esq
Kumtreville Ala

Sir I enclose my check No
269 on Asst. Treas. N. Y. for \$99⁰⁰ in favor
of Frank Beglow in payment of his salary for
August 1868. Please advise me of its receipt.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
S. O. for Ala

Montgomery Ala
October 3rd 1868

Augg S. C.
Kumtreville Ala

Sir The accounts in
favor of James A. Johnson for transportation
amounting to \$168⁰⁰ have been forwarded to the
Chf. Q. M. Washington for his action.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
S. O. for Ala

State of Alabama
Bureau C. & S. Lands
Montgomery Ala Oct 3rd 1868

Augg S. C. Esq
Sub-Asst Comm^r
Kumtreville Ala

Sir I enclose my check No
272 on New York in your favor for \$301⁸⁴ in
payment of the following vouchers for Sept in your
Sub-District viz -

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Receipt Roll & amt due Mr. Mills | \$260. 84 |
| William Acklen | 30. |
| Winables & Millard | 5. |
| Your Postage acct. | 6 |
| | <hr/> \$301. 84 |

Will you please advise me of receipt of check

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
S. O. for Ala

State of Ala & R. & S.
Office Surgeon in Chief
Montgomery Ala Oct 3rd 1868

Augg Mr. S. C.
Sub-Asst Comm^r
Kumtreville Ala

Dear Sir

It is quite necessary
that Dr. Pitches Final Property Return be
forwarded at once. Please inform me if any
impediment exists to hinder its preparation, but
if not how soon you can send it to this office.

The authorities at Washington are getting
impatient.

Very Truly Yours

A. J. Gray

Surgeon in Chief

State of Alabama
Bureau A. D. S.
Office Superintendent of Education
Montgomery Ala Oct 6 1868

Augg Mr. S. L.
Sub-Asst Commr
Monteville Ala

Sir

No educational reports have been
received from your Sub Dist since June 1868.
The annual report awaits your report.
Please forward Reports for August and
September at once

Very Respectfully
R. D. Harper
Supt Education
Rush

The Bureau for Refugees & Freedmen
B. D. S. at Monteville Ala

To William H. Moore Agt.
Do Storage room from about 20th or 23rd
August 1867 to some time March January 1868 being
five months at \$30. thirty dollars per m. \$150.00
Or by paying for month ending 23rd Sept
1867, made by Genl Leavis late Agent \$30
Bal due \$120.00

Monteville Ala Oct. 14th 1868

Augg Mr. S. L.
Agt. Freedmens Bureau
Monteville Ala

Sir

In the month of August of last year Genl J.
B. Leavis, then Agent of the Bureau in this place, having had a
very large quantity of corn and other provisions for the destitute
consigned to him made arrangements with me for the storage
of a part of the same. In accordance with this arrangement
& contract, a room for that purpose was furnished & occupied
and continued to be so used until his withdrawal from the
Agency of the Bureau at this place, which was between the
20th and last of January last. He paid me for the use
above stated thirty dollars for the first month which
ended on the 23rd of Sept. 1867. From that time forward no
rent was paid by him or his successor. I believe you
immediately after his surrender of the Agency here took
charge of it and you know since you went into it nothing has
been paid for the same. I refer you respectfully to the
statements below, in confirmation of the above and to the inclosed
account, which I respectfully ask may be allowed and paid

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. servant

Wm H. Moore Agt

The room above referred to was not vacated when Genl Leavis
surrendered the Agency of the Bureau,

Wm H. Moore (over)

The above statements are true to my knowledge.
(Sgd) Jm B Callis

I acted as agent for M. V. Moore in the above transaction, and the statements are correct as far as my knowledge goes.
(Sgd) Mrs J Humphrey

State of Ala. Co. P. A. L.
Montgomery Ala Oct. 19th 1868

Augg Mr. S. G.
Sub-Asst Commissioner
Monteville Ala

Sir
I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named men late of the 12th U. S. C. Troop, whose claim for bounty &c have been allowed.

The amount set opposite their respective names are in the hands of the Chief Subvising Officers of the Bureau for remittance to claimants.

| | | | |
|------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Houston Acklyn | Corporal | Co. C | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| John Anderson | " | B | \$230 ²⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Bunell Anderson | Private | " C | \$230 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Thomas Battle | Musician | " D | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Henry Sanford | Private | " D | \$222 ⁶⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| James Bummy | " | " | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Savant Jones | " | " | \$230 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Edom W. Gray | " | " E | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| William Smith | " | " | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Nimichy Robinson | " | " | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Allen Sanders | " | " D | \$230 ²⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Levi Williams | Corporal | " E | \$229 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| Richard Mathus | Private | " C | \$230 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀ |

Please acknowledge receipt of discharges.

Very resply Your obdt. servant

Edwin Creecher
At St. Al. U. S. C. Asst Commr

State of Alabama
Bureau of P. A. L. Comds
Montgomery Ala Oct. 19th 1868.

Augg S. G. Mr.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Monteville Ala

Sir
I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named men, together with letters from the Second Auditor reporting adversely to their claims.
Lewis Brown Private Co. J. 46th U. S. C. D.
Geo. Johnson " " D 44th " "
Simon Moore " " K 42nd " "
Able Reynolds " " D " " "
Samuel Kimberly " " " " "

Please acknowledge the receipt of the discharges.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. servant
Edwin Creecher
At St. Al. U. S. C. Asst Commissioner

Montgomery Ala
Oct 19th 1868

Augg S. C. Esq
Kumtville Ala

Gen. I return the papers of
M. H. Moore. If you are satisfied the claim for
rent is just, you can report it on your reports
at the close of this month and it can be paid.

Col. Ballis ought to know what rent he agreed
to pay, and if he says it was \$10. per month that
must control. It is well known that bills against
our Bureau are paid promptly; and when these
old claims come up they are looked on with
suspicion, unless some very good reason exists
for the delay in presenting them.

Respectfully
Edw. Beecher
Act. Comr

Montgomery, Ala
October 21st 1868.

Augg S. C. Esq
Kumtville Ala

Gen. Dr. Rush of Cincinnati has
called on me to day with your letter of the 15th inst.
I do not see any objection of going on at once with
the work. Dr. Harper (who is now in Mobile) only proposed
to appropriate \$3000. for this house. My own impression
is that is not enough; and I have agreed with Dr. Rush
to allow \$4000. certainly, and unless some good reason
is shown to the contrary by Dr. H., we will make it \$5000.

As soon as Dr. Harper returns we will send you
the order for the work, specifying the amount.
One should be observed to see, that the title to the
lot to be purchased is undoubtedly Dr. Rush has di-
rections of what we require. He will be with you
early next week.

Respectfully
Edw. Beecher
Act. Comr

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Lands
Montgomery Ala Oct 17th 1868

Augg Mr. D. C.
Sub Arch Commissioner
Kountsville Ala

Sir
I enclose herewith the discharge of Joseph
Bulton, late Privt Co. "A" 54th U. S. C. Infy, whose claim
for bounty &c has been allowed, and the amount
of \$147⁰⁰ in the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer
of the Bureau for remittance to claimant.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Edwin Beecher
At St. Alb U. S. V.
Asst Commissioner

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Lands
Montgomery Ala Oct 27th 1868

Augg Mr. D. C.
Sub Arch Commissioner
Kountsville Ala

Sir
I enclose herewith the discharge of Edward
Porter, late Private Co. "A" 2nd U. S. C. Artl, whose claim
for bounty &c is allowed, and the amount (\$205⁸⁰)
in the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer of the
Bureau, for remittance to claimant.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Edwin Beecher
At St. Alb U. S. V.
Asst Commissioner

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Lands
Montgomery Ala Oct 31st 1868

Augg D. C. Esq.
Sub Arch Commissioner
Kountsville Ala

Sir
I enclose herewith the discharges of the
following named men late of the 101st U. S. C. Infy
whose claims for bounty &c have been allowed, and
the amounts set opposite their respective names in
the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer of the Bureau
for remittance to them.

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Edmund Bame | late 1 st Regt Co. E | \$203.20 |
| Lewis Green | " Confl " | 325.40 |
| Major Daiseall | " Pvt. " | 313.40 |

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Edwin Beecher
At St. Alb U. S. V.
Asst Commr

Montgomery Alabama
November 1st 1868

Augg D. C. Esq.
Sub Arch Commr
Kountsville Ala

Sir
I enclose my check No. 297 on New York
for \$487⁰⁰ in payment of the vouchers in your
account current for October, except \$122⁹² due J. H.
Wagner and \$13⁵⁰ due B. D. Allen.

Will you please advise me of receipt of check
Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
S O for Ala

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refuges Prisoners & Lands
Montgomery Ala Nov. 13th 1868

Augg Mr. D. C.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montville Ala

Sir,

I enclose herewith the discharge of Jeremiah Bell, late Private Co. B 101st U. S. Col. Troop, whose claim for Bounty &c has been allowed, and the amount (230 ²⁰/₁₀₀) in the hands of the Chief Disbursing Officer of the Bureau for remittance to claimant.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

Your obdt. servant

Edwin Beecher

St. Louis Col 101st U.

Asst Commissioner

State of Alabama
Bureau of Refuges Prisoners & Lands
Montgomery Ala November 18th 1868

Augg Mr. D. C.
Sub-Asst Commissioner
Montville Ala

Sir,

I enclose herewith check No. 57496 drawn by J. Bell, Maj. & C. S. U. S. A. on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. New York, dated Washington D. C. Nov. 12th 1868, and drawn payable to Mr James Co. No. 44th U. S. B. or order for the sum of fifty eight dollars and fifty cents (\$58.50) being the amount of his claim against the Government for computation of rations while a prisoner of war.

The discharge of the above named man also enclosed. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

Your obdt. servant

Edwin Beecher

St. Louis Col 101st U.

Asst. Commr

Montgomery Ala
Dec 2nd 1868

Augg D. C. Esq
Montville Ala

Sir,

I enclose check No 309 on N. Y. for \$168, in favor of James R. Johnson for transportation on steamer.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully

Edwin Beecher

S. O. for Ala

Montgomery Ala
Nov. 27th 1868

Rugg S. C. Esq.
Mountville Ala

for
In your letter of Oct 19th you report the sale of 1756 pounds of bacon and say the final account of sales will be forwarded with October papers.

I find on examination one in Ch. Q. W. office, but none were sent to me. That one is required to be retained by Ch. Q. W. and I am required to forward one with my accounts.

Please send one when I will forward a receipt for the money. If you have cotton cloths on hand cannot they be distributed to advantage among destitute freedmen?

That was the intention and it is better than to sell them. I think you had better sell the bacon remaining on hand, if you can get what you consider reasonable price. Very likely it will sell better at private than public sale.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
Asst. Commr D. O. for Ala
B R F & S

Montgomery Alabama
Dec 3rd 1868

Rugg S. C. Esq.
Mountville Ala

for
Yours of the 30th ult in relation to the pay of James Sanfords, is received. The last statement of accounts which I have from the Asst. Treas at N. Y. is to March 14th 1868. In that check No. 108, (issued to Mr. Sanfords) is entered as paid while No. 109, appeared to be at that date, outstanding, whether it has since been paid can only be ascertained by writing to the Asst. Treas. By a rule of the Treasury Dept these checks are required to be kept on file at the place where paid. They do not on is the custom with bankers, return them to the drawer. By writing to the Asst. Treas, you can ascertain what endorsements are on it which is the only way getting at it short of an actual inspection at the Treasury.

As No. 109, was at date of last settlement unpaid it may be that that one has been lost and too careless may have paid the amount of No. 108 to Mr. Sanfords instead of Sanfords.

Respectfully
Edwin Beecher
D O for Ala

Montgomery, Ala.
Dec 5th 1868

Rugg S. to Eng.
Montville, Ala.

Sir I enclose herewith my checks
on New York No. 816 for \$130.84
Duplicate receipts for 190.75 = \$321.59

This amount is to be applied on the claims contained
in your account current for November except those
due at Athens, which I have sent to Mr. Mager viz.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| J. L. Mager - Salary | \$122.96 |
| Southern Ex. Co. - | 2. |
| Henry Smith - | 4 |
| J. S. Allen - | 12.50 |

Will you please advise me of receipt.

Respectfully

Edw. Bucher

D. O. for Ala

Roll 14

Target 8

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Huntsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

Letters Received

Sept. 1865-Jan. 1869

Grantville
Letters Rec'd
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Note:

Letter rec'd 1
1805-66 years, not
in this file. It
was only copied in
Letter book about
Vol No 57 to 61,
both inclusive

U.S. go. Dist. of Huntsville.
Huntsville Ala. Nov 22nd 68.

Respy referred to the
County Prison at Deca-
tur, who will investigate
this man's case and if
he is engaged in nothing
but teaching freedom
he will be protected
and any parties who
interfere with him will
be arrested.

By command of
Col. Maj. Jm. Garrison
Jno. C. Cleland
A.A.G.

Please return these
papers.

HEADQUARTERS POST,
September 18th 1865.

Henry Devise, is hereby granted
permission to open a school for
the tuition and education of the
children of Freedmen. According to
this permission he will be granted
such ~~protection~~ ^{protection} as shall be ne-
cessary to the furtherance of his
object &c.

By order
W. H. Lumbard
Col. Comd Post

J. L. Aitken
Lt. Col. Adj. Adjt

Office of the U. S. L.
S. L. Dir. H. L. L. L. L.
H. L. L. L. L. L. L.

L. H. L. L. L. L. L.
L. H. L. L. L. L. L.

auth. for Henry L. L.
L. L. L. L. L. L. L.
L. L. L. L. L. L. L.

Office of the U. S. L.
S. L. Dir. H. L. L. L. L.
H. L. L. L. L. L. L.

Please return these
papers

OFFICE SUPT. REFUGEES, FREEDMEN & ABANDONED LANDS,
SUB-DISTRICT HUNTSVILLE,

Huntsville, Ala., Nov 22nd 1865.

This is to authorize Henry Livingston
to teach school among Freedmen
at Decatur Ala or in any part of
the State North of the 34th parallel.

In which employment he will be
protected so long as his conduct
is such as to make him a civil loyal
Citizen.

And the Military of the nearest
post to where said school is lo-
cated will furnish any protection
necessary. And should abuse be of-
fended, or threats made, the Provost
Marshal will arrest said parties
and send them to this office for
trial. By order of Brig Gen W. Swayne Comr.
B. Ala

J. M. Govey fellow

Chap 101 regt, S.

Supt B. R. F. & A. Lands

Sub Dist. Huntsville

Hubert H.

Nov 26 1865

H. C. Barclay

state government of
affairs and business
of Freedmen's
state and localities

21 Apr 1900
 Greenville
 Ala

could be made, and to receive the best
 & most secure means to have them all
 together, say the establishment of such a bank
 for which it would give the coloured
 men & women a better chance to obtain
 a fair price for their labour - for when
 a man receives money from the government
 or from a labouring man, he must take it
 from the man at (Cantonment)
 who is not a well to do man and who
 makes contracts at poor prices for labour
 & you make a bank at Cantonment,
 all means put it under the control of
 the government and let the man who
 is a well to do man be the man who
 will then be able to give the man who
 has been formerly a slave a fair price
 for his labour.

It appears the measure to say to you
 that I have been often at your office
 & observed closely your acts and
 decisions between white & black
 & in every instance and not an
 exception was there that you dealt
 out even handed justice to all parties
 regardless of colour, I will feel

in 1871, I was called to
your mother's bedside - for we want
a man who will not only
necessitate you to be alone,

You are at liberty to do as you
please and with I have said
in my letter to you he can
be sure you will be in
I am sure I should like to see
more fully what a share you
have taken in your home,
my darling, I hope you will
sheddy I am among us and
remain at the head of the house
for next two years at least.

Yours truly,
Joseph C. Thorne



Yonkers, N.Y.
Oct. 26 1855
Harriet Beecher
Superintendent
Freedmen Bureau
Huntsville, Ala

You have asked
me several times for my opinion
of the condition of affairs in regard
to the present situation of matters in
reference to the Freedmen of South Alabama,
and I was hitherto in the habit of
saying to you, as much I have often had to do
to, in our different conversations,

As matters now stand in this
section of the State with the colored
population, it is very alarming, but for the
South Ala. or the Tennessee River, as
was almost constantly for several years,
the same between the two contending
armies, the country on both sides of
the river, has been made desolate by
both armies, and the Negro population
demoralized & disorganized by a
state of war, from which they have
not emerged at present.

The colored population are in no condition
to care for themselves. They absolutely
must have the State assume or direct
of some kind, to enable them to arrange
their labor to live through the coming
year. I differ in opinion with many former
slave owners as to the Negro - and
the freedman or their former owner do
not realize their relative condition and
situation. The former still has left lingering
in his mind the belief that he can be
yet contract of his labor if he ever slave
in such a way as will sustain his former
habits to an old extent. Since the abolition
of the former owner he must contract for a
year - not knowing what in a short time
the owner can be removed, and that our
Legislature at its present session, or a
session to be called together in May or July
next after the admission of our members of
Congress will enact such laws as will
put the labor of the Negro at their disposal.
The freedman is a matter of course wishes
to control his own time & farm or plant on share
or rent land from the present holder. They do
not feel as freemen in being by the month or year

to their former owners, & to the State
to make arrangements for their sale with
view of their being sold as destitute
condition as children never used to be
I view of the matter, the institution has been
made on the ground, the Negro, which has
done a great deal of injury, but our State
never make such laws as were lifted
on them to such an extent, that if they
were not in debt to their owners, but
they were made to be sold to themselves
from bondage and were to be used in a
worse condition than they were before
in slavery, & for the purpose of the
that the "freedman" can at this time must
manage his own matters, they must have
the advice & assistance of the State
Government for the next ten years, to put
them fairly on their way to independence.

If your friend was withdrawn from slavery,
at this time, it would have been better
- yes infinitely better for the Negro - that he
had never been free, I don't care what other
men may say, as noble as the "Negro"
largely on the brain - we have many among
us, who look to the restoration (slavery) in a
few years, & it would require the close attention

the several governments to assist
people to whom, not only food
from the head & heart of our nation
but also to be housed or housed for by the
work of man, both to the Government,
as well as the White Cracks.

But country which is in such a deplorable
condition a deplorable condition
and it will require the assistance of the
Government & the other nations of the Union
to aid our destitute white people coming
year, how much more is it with the colored
people, the Must to the Government is
a question of the Government for
for if the Government is coming under
the name of a large portion of them will
not only suffer but die.

It is I have frequently stated to you that
the Bureau of the Government must should
at once & without delay establish a
the man Camp & to be continued
or continued to miles west of Cambridge
on or near the R.R. for the purpose of
taking care of the red & superior and
the women & children of the colored
people of the counties of Franklin Marion
Lawrence Morgan & Mount Laurens
& most of Remond, Cambridge as a

24th June 8th 1866

Holmes &
Lyt of G. & G. L.

Requesting John Saut-
head to come forward
and make a contract
in proper form.

Office Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands.
Pikeville, Ala. June 8th 1866.

Sir,
You are hereby directed to appear at this
office, and make, in proper form, and have
duly registered, a contract with the Freedmen
now in your employ as laborers, or giving them
labor for a moiety of the crop, or renting lands
from you for cultivation.

Neglect of this after the 23rd day of June 1866,
will be immediately reported to the Chief of the
Bureau, and measures taken as in such cases
made and provided.

Very Respectfully
Yours Gentl.
L. Holmes

John Bankhead
Moscow Precinct

Agent, Bureau R. 47 A. L.
Dist. N. Ala. Marion Co.

Bellfontula.

June 28th 1866.

Miss Maryann Hues

My dear Cousin I received your letter dated June 20th in haste asking what Regiment & company. Judge Wesley belongs to 1st Heavy Artillery C. & A. Capt. Katy. Clough, C. & A.

Andy Wesley belongs to 1st Heavy Artillery C. & E. I have forgotten ~~the~~ ^{of him} name, Capt of C. & E.

This letter speaks of trying to draw your brothers bounty I think ^{have} you a right to their wages as well as their bounty. Andy Died with sickness, ^{he} was sick three weeks at Danville Ky. Judge Wesley was Killed in a skirmish at Danville Ky.

NAR 1003
I am going back to East Tenn.
in a few days when you write
write Robt Stearns no more at
presant but remain your cousin.

Willis Stearns

Judge W. say was intersted at
Knoxville Tenn

Andy Hedley Mch

Wm
H. 16

My dear
 I received your letter of the 10th
 in relation to King and I am sorry
 that I cannot do more for you
 I have written to the Capt. and
 I am sure that it will be
 done as soon as possible.

Very truly
 Yours
 I am glad to hear that you are
 going to draw this bounty I think you are
 entitled to it.

Andy died with sickness he was there
 weeks at Sanvil Ken. ^{he died} Sept 15, 1864

I Mary Ann Wesley named in the application for
Areas of pay and bounty herunto attached, hereby appoint
Bot. Maj William Butler A. A. General Bureau of Refugees
Freedmen and Abandoned Lands Washington D.C. &c. his
successor in office, my attorney and authorize him
to prosecute and collect from the Govt. my claim for
areas of pay and bounty on account of the services of
my deceased Brother Judge Wesley

Jas M. Rames
Jas. L. Lums

Witnesses

Mary Ann ^{her} ~~W~~ Wesley
mark

United States of America
Northern Dist. of Alabama

On this 18th day of June 1867, personally
appeared before me, the said Mary Ann Wesley, to me
well known, and signed and acknowledged the above
power of attorney, after the purport of the same was made
known to her.

L. J. Jones, W. D. J.
U. S. Commissioner

I Mary Ann Wesley, named in the application of means
 of Pay and Bounty hereto attached, hereby appoint 3d. Maj.
 William Fowler A. A. General Bureau of Refugee Freedmen
 and Abandoned Lands, Washington D. C. or his successor
 in office, my attorney and authorize him to prosecute and
 collect from the U. S. my claim for arrears of Pay and
 Bounty on account of the services of my deceased brother
 Andrew Wesley
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this 14th day of June 1867
 Mary Ann Wesley

United States of America
 Northern Dist. of Alabama

On this 14 day of June 1867 personally
 appeared before me, the said Mary Ann Wesley, to me
 known and signed and acknowledged the above proven
 of Attorney, after the purport of the same was made
 known to her

Special Agent,
 U. S. Commissioner

Bureau R. R. & A. Co.
Washington, D. C.
June 3 1867

Wm. Gardner
at St. Paul

Association to obtain of
Andrew Worley Co. & T. H. H.
George Worley Co. St. 1st " "

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.
Washington, D. C. May 3rd 1867.

Col. Brig. Gen. J. D. Falls,
S. A. C. Route, Humboldt, Ala.
General

I have the honor to return herewith
the aforesaid applications for arrears of pay
etc, on account of the following deceased
colored soldiers:

Andrew Wesley, late 2nd Co. 1st U.S. Col.
George Wesley, " " " " " " " " " " " "

A new application in each case is
required. The applicants and identifying
witnesses must appear before the
proper civil officer.

Enclosed find blank forms embodying
power of attorney.

With new applications please return this letter.

Yours Truly

J. D. Falls
1236.

Very Resp^{ly}, Your obed^t Servant
J. A. Grant

No.

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CLAIM DIVISION.

BROTHERS' AND SISTERS' CLAIM FOR ARREARS OF
PAY AND BOUNTY.

late a

Cos.

Reg't U. S. C.

Died

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Filed in the Second Auditor's Office,

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FORWARDED BY

State of

County of

} ss:

I hereby certify that
is a
of

before whom the foregoing affidavits were made,
in and for the County of , and State
duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this
186 day of

L.S.

Official Signature:

County.

NOTES.

1. Attestation of signatures by mark (X) must be by written signatures.
2. In the blank spaces designated by an asterisk (*), is to be written the word *slave* or *free*, as the fact may be.
3. Name, age, and residence of each of the claimants to be stated in the declaration. Minor heirs must apply through a guardian duly appointed, who will append to his application certified copies of letters of guardianship.

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Signed, witnessed and acknowledged
in my presence, after the above was
carefully explained, to the said Charles
Taylor Galtman.

In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
seal of Court this 25th day of
July, 1866 at office in Nashville.

Simon W. Day
Clerk U. S. Dist. Court

United States of America)

(Northern District of Alabama)

Be it known

that on the 26th day of July 1866 personally appeared before me, Lionel W. Day, Commissioner of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Charles Taylor Gateman, to me well known, who alleges that he is the father and as such, heir at law of Jobe Gateman deceased, who was a private in Company D, 17th U.S. Col. Inf. and who died in the service of the United States of wounds received in the Battle of Chashville on or about the 20th of December 1864, at the time and place stated in the declaration hereunto attached; And the said Charles Taylor Gateman hereby makes, constitutes, and appoints Brig. Major William Fowler Aag Bureau Refugee Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, at Washington D.C., or his successor in office, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim for arrears of Pay and Bounty due him from the United States at the time of his death, and to receive and receipt for all orders or moneys that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

signed and acknowledged
in my presence

John W. Kames
R. J. McLaughlin

Charles Taylor ^{his} Gateman
mark

Summit Washington Co.
Miss,
July 30 1866.

Holmes & Barnes

Relative to the pay-
ment of Bounty to

Volcan Brown
Robert Gibson,

Greenville Washington County Miss.
July 30th. 1866

A. G. Rugg Esq.

Monticello Ala.

Dear Sir,

We have employed
on our Plantation Two Freedmen,
Nelson Brown and Robt. Gibson, who
say that they deposited with you
their discharge papers in order
to have their bounty collected

By a recent act of Congress
an appropriation having been
made for this purpose. We
write by the request of these men
to enquire whether you have
collected their bounty money
and if so, to request that you
will remit to them to this place
to our care.

Respectfully

Holmes & Hears

Letter of Inquiry sent to H & M. June 10, 1867

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Rec'd Sept. 1868

War Department

Bureau R. & A.

Washington June 13, 1868

Whitney, E.

A. A. Gird.

Says Statement of Pro-
visions rec'd, issued, & trans-
ferred in month of May
1868 has been rec'd. Exam-
ined, and forwarded to 3rd Aud.
for final settlement.

Rec'd Sept. June 18, 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 13th, 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed
under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to
prevent starvation," &c., for the month of _____
_____ May 1868,

have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third
Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

B. H. Millis

A. A. Inspector-General.

Sam'l S. Gardner, S. A. C.
Greenville, Ala.

Montgomery Alabama
J^y 3rd June 1868

Becker Edwin
Disbursing Officer

States that John Rhodes
took the benefit of the Bank-
rupt act, in May, & wishes
to know if he has an interest
in the work furnished in
the name of A. M. Rhodes.

Becker Edw June 15. 1868.

Montgomery, Ala.
June 13, 1868.

J. S. Gardner Esq.
Greenville S.C.

Sir,

I would have answered you of the 11th yesterday, but was delaying it for some other information. I now find that John Rhodes made application to obtain the benefit of the Bankrupt law on the 28th of May. I suspect very strongly that Mrs. A. M. Rhodes has an interest in the matter, and that her name is used to keep the creditors of John Rhodes from reaching it. If that is so we have no right to pay it to either of them but it should go to the assignee. This is not only a moral duty but a legal one also. I would suggest that you see Mrs. Rhodes and question her about it without telling her from you of it. Ascertain on whom her name was put when she contracted with John Rhodes or her agent what she gave him and such other things as may occur to you. You can tell whether she is really the party interested, or a tool for others. Until we hear from you we shall not decide finally what will be done.

Very Respectfully,
Edwin Becker.

K. S. for Secretary

EX-1265 21st of Oct. 1867
Montgomery Ala.
15th June 1868

Beech E.
Disbursing Officer

Transmits Check No. 1536
in payment of Geo. A. Kears
Vouchers as Receipts.

Rec'd 100th 4. June 16th 68

Montgomery, Ala.
June 18, 1868.

J. S. Gordon Esq.,
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose check No. 1876, in favor
of John C. Hunt for \$30.00 in payment of his account for
teaching school. I also return one set of vouchers, as two
have been made out for the same term.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,

Edwin Decker.

Em 300 1074 1878

Freemans Hospital
Gusland. The June 15. 1878.

Moore J. W.

Act. asst. Surgeon U.S. Army

Requests an order to ad-
mit into hospital Louise
Hosp. (Cold)

Very respectfully

at

Freemans Hospital

June 15. 1878

1074

Recd. Sept 16. 1878

Frederick's Hospital
Garland Ala. June 15th 1858.

S. S. Gardner
Sub Asst. Comm.
Greenville, Ala.

Dir.

I have the
honor to request an order to
admit into this Hospital, Louise
Kof^(old), from Monroe Co. Ala.

I am, Dir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours obdt. Servt.

J. B. Moorman
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge

Recd. L.A. 6 June 15. 1888

Recd. of Mr. Smith 7, 1858.

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. D. 1.
Greenville Ala. Jan. 22 '68
Respectfully referred to Dr.
Woods a. a. s. who will
make the purchases as indicated
and forward the vouchers to
this office. This paper to be re-
turned. Saml. J. Gardner
Sub Dist Comm.

Truman's Hospital
Larland, Ala. Jan. 2. 84.

L. S. Gardner
Sub. Asst. Commr.
Grassville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor to request
you to furnish two Nephelous two Shells
for connecting the "de" with the Thomas, and
a Wrench for taking off the shells from the
balance.

Please furnish the above articles as soon as possible.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully
Yours ob. Servt.

J. H. Moore

Act. Asst. Surg. Gen. in charge.

Sub Dist of Greenville
Barlow R. F. & A. L.
Greenville Ala June 17. 1868

Gardner Saml. J.
Sub Dist. Comm.

Invites attention to a
Communication from his
office dated May 30th in
which he recommended
the purchase of a limited
supply of Corn for the
agub, and disburse



Sub Dist. Comm. June 20th 1868

Ex. M. 459 State of Ala 1868.
State of Alabama R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala June 18. 1868.

Respectfully returned to
S. J. Gardner Sub Dist. Comm.
Greenville Ala. The supplies for
issue are exhausted and it
is believed that no further
purchase need be made.
It is found that in localities
where issues have been made
that it greatly increases desti-
tution - so many will not work
if the Government will find them
even a little.

The extreme cases referred to should
be sent to Garland and cared for
there. No issues are now being
made in the State.

By order of Col. B. B. Bigler Shepherd

G. 151. Capt. J. S. Phillips

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Greenville Ala. June 17th 1868

Col. W. C. Archer

Chf. 2. M. Dist of Ala.
Colonel

I have the honor respectfully to call your attention to the latter part of a communication from this office dated May 31st in which application is made for a limited supply of corn to prevent suffering among aged, crippled and diseased paupers, whom it is not practicable or advisable to send to the Hospital at Garland. The necessity for such aid is continually pressing, and I would earnestly recommend the issue to be made as speedily as possible. In regard to purchasing corn in this vicinity for a dollar per bushel or less, I am not certain at the present time. It might cost \$1.25, to get it delivered here. That is now the selling price in the stores. I would respectfully ask for your action in the matter, whether favorable or otherwise.

will at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt

Sam^l S. Gardner

Sub Aitch Comm.

Sub Dir of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. G.
Greenville Ala. June 17. 1868

Gardner Saml. S.
Sub Asst Comm.

States that the colored
people of Mauningsham
ask assistance of the
Bureau to the amount of
\$169. for the erection of
a school-house

State of Ala. Bureau of
off. Supt Education
Montgomery. June 19/68

Respectfully returned
to Saml S Gardner
S. A. C. Greenville.

The Govt assists only in
building on land to which
responsible parties hold
title; and who can give
assurance that a school
will be sustained if
the house is constructed.
Whenever lot is secured
and such assurance fur-
nished the Bureau is willing
to assist in building house

A. O. Harper.

Supt Education
B. R. F. & A. G.

Recd. 25th June 20th 1868.

11th June 1868

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & L.
Greenville Ala. June 17th 1868

Mrs. N. M. Bush
Act. Supt. of Education

Sir

I have the honor respectfully
to report that application has been made by the Colored
people of Manningham, a village nine miles from
this place, for aid in purchasing land and putting
up a school house. The estimates are:

For the Lot 36 dollars

" Lumber 118 "

" Nailing 15 " In all 169 dollars

The Colored people will certainly build the house
free of cost, and perhaps will be able to assist
somewhat in the purchase. They wish to know, how-
ever, to what extent the Bureau is willing to aid
them. There is a rich plantation country lying out
around Manningham, and I suppose a school
of fifty or sixty could be maintained
there. I hope the application will receive

NRH 1033
In most favorable Consideration
Very Respectfully
Yours obedt Servant,
Sam^l J. Gardner
Sub Assis Commr.

State of Alabama

R. R. F. A. L.

Montgomery July 19 1868

Shorkley Geo.

Capt. & Bot. May. 15th 1868

a. a. a. G.

Encloses revocation of ap-
pointments of Saml S. Gardner
as agent and John A. Hart,
as Clerk, in Bureau of R. F. and
A. L., to date respectively
July 20th and 13th 1868

Recd July 31st S. D. of S.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 10. 35

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., June 17th 1868.

Mr. A. S. Landrum

Sub. Asst. Commr.

Greenville, S. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith the revocation of your appointment as Agent in the Bureau to take effect July 20, 1868, also revocation of the appointment of Mr. M. L. Mack as Clerk Bureau to take effect July 13, 1868.

Please acknowledge receipt

By order of

Col. Wm. R. Shepherd

15th Infy.

Capt. 15th Infy. P. H. Kelley

a a a

State of Ala.
B R & Co. Office Chgo. Ill.
Montgomery Ala. June 20. 1868

Arthur W. C.
Chgo. Ill.

Transmits Rocks. of stones
shipped to Prof. W. Moran
a. a. s. at Garland Ala.

Recd. Dec. 4. June 21 1868.

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., ^{the} Dec 20 1868.

Sam'l. J. Gardner
Sub. Asst Comm'r
Greenville Ala
Sir

Enclosed please
find blank receipts (duplicate) of
stores this day shipped to Surg. G.
W. Moran, Garland, Ala. Invoice
of these stores will be sent you im-
mediately on the return of Chief Q. M.
Please sign ^{and} return receipts as
soon as practicable

Very Respectfully
Henry Walker
in absence of Chief Q. M.

EMB 402 Sept 4. 1868

War Department
Office Chf. 2. M. B. R. & Co.
Washington D.C. June 23. 1868

Whitney Henry M.
Chf. 2. M.

Acknowledges recd of Month,
ack of Stores, containing
to B. R. & Co. for May 1868

Recd 1868 June 27. 1868

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 23^d, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** Account "Stores pertaining to the
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the
month of May, 1868, has been
received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury
for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A. L.

To Saml. L. Gardner
J. M.
Greenville, Ala.

EM 402 L 2 of 4 1868

War Department
Bureau R. F. & C. H. 2. 206 off
Washington D.C. June 25. 1868

Whitney Henry M.

Ch. 2. 206. B. & F. Co

Acknowledges recd of Monthly
ack of C. & G. Co. for
May 1868

Recd. S.A. of 4 June 29. 1868

[Form 5.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, June 25 1868.

Sir:

Your Monthly Account "~~Quartermaster's Stores and Clothing,~~
Camp and Garrison Equipage, D. M. Department," for the
month of May 1868, has been received, examined,
and forwarded to Post. Maj. - Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster-
General U. S. Army.

By order of Maj. - Gen. C. C. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A. L.

To Samuel S. Garder

St. Louis

Greenville Alabama.

Q. M. B. of S. D. of A. 1868

Frederick Hospital
Garland, Ala June 25, 1868.

Moore J. W.
act. asst. Surgeon U. S. A. in charge.

Stated: that the Osanaburgs
that he called for on the 14th
inst. has arrived.

Requests, one copy of Form 52.
filled up just as those upon
which the issues of Osanaburgs
should be made.

Recd. S. D. of A. June 27, 1868

Freemans Hospital
Garland, Ala. June 25th 1858.

S. S. Gardner
Sub-Asst. Commr.
Granville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to state that the Benaburgs, Thread, Buttons
and Needles that I made request for on
the 14th instant, arrived on the 23rd inst.

I would respectfully request you to
send me one copy of Form 52. filled up
just as you would have me fill those upon
which I am to issue the Benaburgs &c.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. H. Brown

Ex 206 110. Sept 1868
State of Alabama
Office Ch. 2^d M. B. R. P. & A.
Montgomery Ala. June 27 1868

1. Archer W. C.
Ch. 2. M.

Transmits Entries of
Stones transferred on the
50th

Recd. Sept 4 July 1868

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., June 27th 1868.

Sam'l. S. Gardner
Sub. Asst. Comm'r
Greenville Ala
Sir

Enclosed

please find invoice of ~~Stones~~
transferred to you on 20th inst
Blank receipts were transmitted
to you on same date. - Please return
signed receipts at your earliest
convenience

Very Respectfully
H. C. Arthur
Chief of Bv.

Montgomery
Sub Ant. Lewis
Letters, Recd.
1867

Received of the
Honorable Secy of War
the sum of \$1000

for the purchase of
land for the use of the
Army

Relating to the claim
of the G. M. Co. for
the "G. M. Co. U. S. A."

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100

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D.C.,

Mar. 21st 1867.

Col. J. D. Callis,
Supt. Gen. R. I. S.
Huntsville, Ala.
Colonel,

I have the honor to return herewith the
further application for arrears of pay etc., and
account of John Yatomant lat. of Co. P. 9th
Regt. Ill. A new declaration is desired, in
which no mention of the status of decedent,
as regards freedom shall be made.

With the admission in the application that
the decedent had been a slave ever since his
birth, no payment of bounty could be made.

With new declaration please return the letters.

I am Colonel

Very Respectfully
Yours Ch. E. Brown

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Wm F. Fowler
A. A. Seal.

Lawrence, Ala.

July 11th 67

Fraser, C. A.

Sgt Bureau, R. F. A. R.

Stated that on the night
of the 5th and the United
States Flag was torn
down from the top of
the office, and neither
it nor the perpetrators
of the deed have been
discovered. Encloses
resolutions of citizens on
the subject

Office Sub. Asst Comr R. I. & A. S.
Dist. of Ala. Huntsville Ala.

July 12th 1867

Respectfully forwarded to the
Sub Asst Commissioner at
Montgomery Ala. for his
information

Ans Jones
Rt Maj & Sr
Actg Sub Asst Comr

Recd July 16th 1867

Office Freedman's Bureau
Florence Ala. July 11/67

Genl John B. Callis
Commanding &c
Huntsville Ala.

Dear Sir,

On the night of the
5th inst. the U.S. Flag, was
indignantly torn from over my
Office. and has not yet been
found, nor any clue had to the
perpetrator, notwithstanding the
'respectable' citizens of Florence
together with the Mayor & alderman
have acted promptly and energet-
ically - in the matter, as you will
see from the Enclosed Extract, from
our "Florence Journal".

I am Yr Obedt Servt.

C. H. Fenge

A. F. B. &c &c

Indignation Meeting.

At a meeting of the citizens of Florence at the court house on the 6th of April, Dr. James W. Stewart was called to the chair, and James B. Irvine appointed Secretary.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting to be, to take action in regard to the outrage committed upon the flag of our country on the previous night.

On motion a committee of eight was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the community on the subject.

The committee which consisted of the following named gentlemen, S. C. Posey, T. L. Chisholm, J. A. Thompson, Jno. H. Rapier, Col. Patterson, Robt. McFarland, B. F. Karsner, Jas. Hancock and Tomas Simpson, reported as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That we have heard with deep regret and indignation that the Federal Flag was taken down last night from the office of the Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in this town, by some reckless and disloyal person or persons, and that we indignantly denounce this great crime and its perpetrators.

2nd. That we will use all possible efforts to detect and bring to merited punishment those who are so lost to the best interests of the country, and to that respect which every American citizen should feel for the flag of his country, as to commit so great an outrage.

3rd. That we, the citizens here assembled, pledge ourselves by all lawful and appropriate action to defend and maintain the authority and dignity of the Flag of the United States.

On motion, the resolutions as presented were unanimously adopted.

On motion a committee was appointed to procure a flag of the United States, and raise it at the place from which the other was taken down.—

The following names were suggested, and the parties appointed by the chairman said committee.

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| S. C. Posey, | Sidney Depriest, |
| Robt. McFarland, | Abraham Streeter, |
| Harrison Wood, | Jno. H. Rapier, |
| T. L. Chisholm, | J. A. Thompson, |
| Jas B. Irvine, | Jas W. Stewart, |
| B. F. Karsner, | J. W. McAlister, |
| J. B. Patton, | Alex McAlexander, |
| T. A. Jones, | G. W Karsner, |
| A. J. Rice, | Hon. W. B. Wood, |
| J. O. Jones, | Wm. Simpson. |

Resolved, That, whereas the Board of Aldermen of the corporation of Florence have offered a reward of One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension of the person or persons who committed the offence, of taking down the flag. Therefore it is

Resolved, That this meeting approve the action of the Board and thank them for their prompt action.

Moved that a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the Editor of the Florence Journal for publication. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAS W. STEWART, Char.

JAS. B. IRVINE, Secretary.

and that the committee appointed the day

Mr.
War Department
Wm. R. T. L.
Washington D. C. July 17, 1867

Refused. Trade Bureau
Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard
Commissioner

At.
131 St. Cal. Ave. For. a. a. g.
Maj. claim Section

Enclosed find of affidavit
required by 2 auditors for claim
of Ephraim Ling, late York
Co. N. Y.

Ex. St. 258 204 a 1867
Headq. Dist. of Alabama
Genl. T. R. L.
Montgomery Ala. July 22, 1867

Respectfully referred to
the Sub. of L. Comm. at
Nashville Ala.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Wm. S. Swayne
O. D. Kinsman
Sub. of L. Comm.

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D.C., July 17th 1867.

Dr. Drig. Genl J. B. Callis,
Sub-Comm. Huntsville, Ala.
General

I have the honor to receive from you the
form of affidavit required by the L. Act,
before the claim for bounty of Ephraim
King formerly Det. Co. 40th W.C.T. will be
acted. Evidence is also required to
remove the charge of desertion preferred
against him by the War Department.
With the evidence please return this
letter.

1291.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant

Wm. F. Smith,
A. A. Genl.

Wm. F. Smith, Sub-Comm. Ala.

State of }
County of } S. S.

I certify that before whom
the foregoing affidavit was made, is a
duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed
my official seal, this day of 186 ..

[L. S.], Clerk of the

MAR 1866

State of _____ }
County of _____ } S. S.

On this _____ day of _____ 186____
personally appeared before me, a _____ in and
for the County and State aforesaid _____ of

_____ in the State of _____

who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the same

_____ who was honorably discharged from the service of
the United States as a _____ of Company

Regiment of U. S. Colored _____ on the

day of _____ 186____ He further declares that
he has neither bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, or
given away his final discharge papers, or any interest in the pay or
bounty claimed by him from the Government.

Signed in Presence of

_____ } _____
[SIGNATURE]

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of
_____ 186____, and I hereby certify that the fore-
going was carefully read and explained to the affiant by me before he
signed and made oath to the same, and that I have no interest in his
claim.

[L. S.]

Official Signature, } _____

Yours G. M. Dodge & who was not long
since at Decatur can assure you to
what I was - I have my commission as
U.S. L. & many papers from the highest
U.S. officers - I hope you will let me
hear from you - my best regards
to Dr. Steiger & Lech Jones. I am as usual
yours^a H. W. May

P.S. The matter was sworn to by the Freedmen &
Tanner was - the trial for the property taken place
at the court - If Maj. G. takes the matter it
will put an end to the suit, my best regards
to Maj. G. &c. H. W. M.

J. B. B. B.

Received of the

me, H. W. May

Received of H. W. May
Dec 10th 1867

Finance A/c.

August 10th /67.

Genl. Callin

Dear Sir,

I do not wish to be
troublesome to you or any one - To whom am
I to look unless it is to Officers of the U.S.A.
The Union men have no showing in the
hands of the Rebels - I say Union men, such
as was before the Rebellion & such as was
during the war and such as is Union
still, you must know that 4 fifths of all
the officers are held by disloyalists, I say
there are men in this County who now hold
office that had one man arrested during
the war who refused & would not take
Confederate money for his Beef he butchered
& had him sent to head quarters of the Rebels,
Now the case, I shall state to you is one that
I layed before Genl. Inayne in June last
when I was at the Convention in Montgomery

It is the case of a coloured man, I will state
the case to you & the Maj. Let me here remark
that Genl. Swaye told me to lay the case before
you & Maj. Bealston & he knew you would
attend to it & if you would not, I must
write to him & that he would - that the mule
did of right belong to the U.S. G. and in fact
all stock branded either U.S. or C.S. unless
they held a certificate of sale from some U.S. O.
This is a case of Attachment, John Hayle &
John Mays against the property of James

Turner deceased - for two mules, branded
one C.S. the other U.S. no certificate for either,
one of the mules was sworn to by Nicholas
Hawkins, coloured man, ^{of the Freedmen} & one that had
worked for Turner two or three years & never
saw anything from Turner - the mules was
gotton during Hoods retreat by Turner
& Nicholas Hawkins and much other property
which Turner converted into his own use,
Now Genl. you & the Maj. have the right to
take all Government property & if you will
send down two or three men I will show

them not only these two mules, but more & some
cattle - our circuit court will be on the 2nd
monday in Sept next - I saw Col. Jones at Tuscan
- via during your absence & he told me
to write to him & he would see Maj' Reddick
on the subject & have it attended too - I wrote
to him some two weeks ago & no answer -
The fact is unless you & the Maj' do some-
thing for the poor Freedman he will lose
his mule - The Turner family is against
Nicholas Hawkins & they will swear
that black is white or any thing else
that is false - they were all rebels of
the deepest die - ^{he was} one of the boys that
was in the rebel army has now one
of the mules branded U.S. The fact is I
am security for Nicholas Hawkins & I
think & hope you & the Maj' will not let me
lose by the cursed rebels - If you
wish me to come up & bring the Freedman
to see you I will do it, I am still lame
have not walked one step for 21 months
Genl. G. B. Spenger who was A. A. G. for

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John & Burns
Co "I" 134 N. S. C. T.

Dec 3 1867

Suspended Claim.

Dec 3 1867
134 N. S. C. T.

Burns John
Claim Suspended for addl.
Evidence (in-cd as B.)

Head-Quarters Sub-District of Northern Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., Nov 27th 1865.

E. O. French

2nd Auditor Treasury.

Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I am requested by John Burns late Private Co. "D" 15th Regt W. L. G. Infantry to write to you for information about his claim for bounty &c. He holds a receipt from W. Tompkins and Co. dated Nashville Tenn Sept 15 1865. But has not heard from them since. He is very anxious to know something about his claim.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Wm. P. Altos.
St. Aug. Ga. Subdist Comm.

[Handwritten signature]

Journal Auditors 1880-1881

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Ex 20 255 2019 1.5
Montgomery Alabama
2nd June 1888

Beecher Edwin
Dis. Officer

Transmits O. K. No.
1518 in payment of claims
for May 1888

Recd, L. D. 4th June 3rd 1888

Montgomery, Alabama,
June 2nd 1868.

J. J. Gardner Esq.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose check No 1818, for
\$277.⁹⁴, in payment of the following claims for May, 1868:

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wm. salary | \$144. ⁵⁴ | |
| " Postage recd | 5. ⁷⁵ | |
| J. C. Hunt | 80. | |
| E. Caldwell | 25. | |
| John Abner | 15. | |
| E. S. Greer | 5. | \$277. ⁹⁴ |

Will you please advise me of receipt.

Very Respectfully,
Edwin Decker.
L. C. for Ala.

Cent. 504 Sept. 11/11

Freedmen's Hospital
Garland Ala. June 4 1888

Wm. J. H. a. a. s.
In Charge

Acknowledge recd. of \$15.
in payment of Dispensary
rent for May 1888.

Recd. L. D. Sept. 5, 1888

Free Hospital
Office Surgeon in Charge -
Greenville Ala. June 4th 1868.

E. S. Gardner Esq.
Sub Asst Commr B. R. F. & A. L.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of fifteen 15
dollars in payment of rent of dispensary
for the month of May 1868.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
your obdt Servt.
J. St. Maur
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge

Chas. 3. 4 Sept 1885

Frederick's Hospital
Office Surgeon in Charge.
Portland, Me. June 8th, 1885.

Moore J. W.
act. asst. Surgeon in Charge.

Request an order to
admit into Hospital:
Julia Foster, a female
from Monmouth, N. J.

Recd. Sept 9 June 9, 1885

Frederick's Hospital
Office Surgeon-in-Charge.
Garland, Ala. June 8th 1882

D. D. Gardner Esq.
Sut. Asst. Comm. W. R. F. & A. L.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor to
request an order to admit into the
hospital, Julia Foster, a blind
young girl from Monroe Co. Ala. - She has no home-
and is unable to earn anything. - Mrs. Allen
Winters.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours, &c.

J. H. Moore
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Exh. 34 p. 4

Fredman's Hospital
Gasland, Fla. Jan 9. 1885

Robert J. W.
Asst. Surgeon U.S. Army

Request on Behalf to ad-
mit into Hospital: Mary
A. McBurnie, Thelma Walker
and two Children. (Cold.)

Recd Jan 11. 85 12 p.m.

Frederick Hospital
Savannah Ga June 9th

S.S. Gardner Esq.
Sub Asst. Comm.
Gunnville Ga.

Sir,

I have the honor
to request an order to admit into the
hospital. Mary Ann McDaniel ^{old} is
an advanced in pregnancy - also
Hulda Walker ^{has a disability} and her two children ^{old} and
Irvine.

and, Sir,

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Smith

J. H. Smith

act. asst. Surg. Dept. in charge.

CPH 3.6 28.7.4 1888

Frederick Hospital
London W.C. June 10. 1888.

J. W. W.
Act. asst. Surgeon R.F. in charge.

I write attention to
the fact that a Special Request
in relation to the same sent to
the Address of the Sub Asst.
Surgeon for two 21 barrels
of Lime.

Requests that it be forwarded
as soon as practicable, if
deemed expedient.

Recd. Surg. 4. Jan 13. 1888.

Transmitting the letter
Barland, Ala. Jan. 10. 1865.

S. D. Gardner Esq.
Sut. West Comd.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to invite your attention to the fact
that on the 9th of February last I sent
to ^{you} address, a Special Requisition in re-
cognition for two (2) barrels of Linn and
that no Linn has been received in
my Linn. Therefore, I would respectfully
request you to forward it as soon as
practicable - provided, it is deemed expedient.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith

J. St. Moore
act. asst. Surgeon U.S. in charge.

Exd. Dec 29th 1868

Frustrum's Hospital
San Francisco, Cal.

Received of
Messrs. L. & J. in charge

Twenty-five dollars to admit
the Hospital of L. & J.
and George W. W. W.

Recd. Dec 4, Jan 13, 1868

Frederick H. Smith
 Ireland, Mo. Jan 2nd 1860

D. D. Gardner
 Fair Lake, Iowa
 Greenville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor to
 request an order to be sent to the
 Union Station, as I am returning at

Yours, Sir

Very Respectfully

your ob. Servant

J. H. Smith

at Westbury, N. Y.

Exhibit 3. 8 Sept. 1888

Freedmen's Hospital
Garland. Ala. June 27. 1888.

Moore J. W.
Act. Asst. Surgeon U.S.A. in charge.

Transmits, a Voucher (in duplicate) for one Coffin used in the burial of Emily Brooks. who died in this hospital June 17th 1888.

Two (2) Enclosures.

Recd. Sept 4 June 29, 1888

Frederick Hospital

Gardner Fla. June 27. 1886

S. S. Gardner

Sub Asst. Commr.

Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Voucher (in duplicate)
for one Coffin used in the burial of
Emily Brooks, who died in this hospital
on the 17th instant.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. W. Moore

Act. Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

ExH 308 Sept 4 1858

~ Tredegar Hospital
Garland Ala. June 27. 1868.

Moore J. W.
Act. Asst. Surgeon Hfa. in charge.

Requests, an order to admit
into hospital, Lucy Moody,
and Fanny Kiles. (Cold.)

Recd. Sept. 4. June 29, 1868

MARK 1079
Treutman's Hospital
Garland, Ala. June 27. 1885.

D. S. Gardner,
Sub Asst. Commr.
Greenwich Ala.

Sir

I have the honor to request
and order to admit into this hospital Lucy Moody
(Child) (Disease: Diphtheria Intermittent Fever, and Family
Tides (Cold) disease: Old age & Chronic Rheumatism.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,

your obt. Servt

J. W. Moore

Act Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Exam 3rd loops 1888

2. M. General. Office
(C. G. G. G.)

Washington 28 June 27 1888

Very truly,
J. M. G.

2nd Reg. Gen. 2. M. G.

acknowledges return of G. G.
G. G. for May 1888 relative
that is also done examined,
approved forwarded

Recd. May 5 June 20 1888

Officers answering communications from the Quartermaster General's Office, will give the dates of the letters to which they are replying.
They will also address letters on official business with the office, to the QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

14. H. 3

Quartermaster General's Office,

Clothing and Equipage,

Washington City, D. C.,

June 27th, 1868.

Sir.

Your Return of Clothing and Camp and Garrison
Equipage

rendered as Sub Asst Commissioner Bureau
Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands for the
month of May 1868.

has been received and examined at this Office, and sent to the Second
Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Your obedt Servt,

By order of the Q. M. G.,

Asst. J. Perry

Brig. Gen.

Q. M. U. S. A.

To

Samuel S. Gardner,

S. A. Com. &c,

Greenville, Ala.

EMB 308 L 2074 1808

Freedmen's Hospital
Garland Ala June 30 1808

Wm J. H. a. a. s.

States that Wm J. H.
was Surgeon during month
of June

Rec'd. 10074 July 1. 1808

Frederick's Hospital
Garland, Ala. June 30. 1868.

S. S. Gardner
Sub Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

In reply to your communi-
cation of the 29th inst, I would respectfully
state that I have purchased no fuel during
the month of June inst. that I have used
the empty barrels for fuel, and that by restricting the
kitchen fires to the smallest possible amount, I
have made the fuel previously purchased ^{last} ~~mitel~~
now. There is no wood on hand at present.
Therefore I would respectfully inquire
whether I shall purchase any for July
and if so how much.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Surratt

J. H. Moore
Act. Asst. Surg. - in charge.

Ersk & Co. Supts. 1868

Montgomery Alabama

July 2, 1868

Recher E.

Disbursing Officer

Transmits Check No. 1581
in Payment of Vouchers for
June 1868

Recd. Supts. July 3, 1868

Montgomery, Alabama.
July 1, 1868.

A. S. Gardner Esq.
Sub. Cass. Court.
Greenville, Ala.

S. 1.

I enclose check No. 1561, for \$261.63, for payment of following vouchers for sum.

Gen Solary

1144.17

Portage acct

5.

J. C. Hunt

11.

E. G. Caballero

7. 8.

E. S. Green.

5. 11. 11

43,63

Please advise me of receipt of check.

Respectfully,

Edwin Beecher.

D. V. p. C. C.

Et 216 Co. Sept 4, 1868

Montgomery Ala.

July 21, 1868

Beeche Edwin

Dis. Office

Transmits Check No. 1578
in payment of Vouchers
for June 1868.

Rec'd. Draft. July 31, 1868

Montgomery, Alabama,
July 14. 1868.

A. S. Gardner Esq.
Greenville, S.C.

I enclose check No. 1375 for \$20.00 in
payment of the following vouchers, viz:

John Rhodes.

\$15.00

Wm. Butler.

3.00

\$18.00

The voucher of Peter Johnson is returned for a return to the
Signatures.

Respectfully,

Edwin Peecher.

S. A. per letter

Exm 313 Drafts 1868

Freedman's Hospital
Garland Ala. July 7. 1868

Moran J. Th.

A. A. Surp.

Acknowledges recd. of
fifteen dollars in payment
of rent for June 1868

Recd. Drafts July 8. 1868

Frederick's Hospital
Gardens, Ala. July 7. 1868.

D. S. Gardner
Capt. Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of fifteen
(15) dollars in payment for rent of
dispensary for the month of June 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. B. Moore
Act. asst. Surg. U.S. in charge.

Exhibit 178 2 pages 1868
Sub Dist. of Montgomery
Bureau R. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala. July 6. 1868

Neudrix Jno. L.
Sub Dist. Court.

States that Complaint
has been made by Tamar
Gentle (C) that her son is
in possession of Elbert Mob-
ley

Recd. 1 page July 4. 1868

Sub-District of Montgomery,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., _____ 186

Dear Mr. D. H. Stoddard

Sub-Commissioner of the Bureau

Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the case of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, deceased, who was a native of the State of Georgia, and who died in the city of Montgomery, Ala., on the 11th inst. of the month of January, 1865. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

J. B. Stoddard

Sub-Commissioner

State of Alabama Bureau R. & F.
Montgomery Ala July 13th 1868

Respectfully referred to S. S.
Lardner. Sub. recd. Comm. Majors
Greenville Ala for information

as to the willingness and ability
of Geo Salter to provide a home
for Jacob Allen and family
should transportation be fur-
nished as requested.

By order of
Lieut. Brig. Gen. C. L. Shepherd.

H. A. S. (over seal)
Capt. B. Infy. Chellajusa
a. a. g.



[illegible]

Dear friend I acknowledge the favour sent for me by
 Mr. Peckham. I have no more to say. I am Dear Sir,
 ever your friend and remain your obedient
 H. C. L.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
12 South St. New York
James Gillette

October 13th Fort Sal. Mex. D. C. A.
 Fort Asst. Gen. Linn

Geo Sherridge
Capt 15th Inf^y Pot^{er} Mass 11th Co
A. A. 1st G.

July 17. 1858

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., July 17th 1868.

Mr. S. A. Gardner

Sub Asst Commr,

Greenville Ala

Sir:

The Assistant Commissioner desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 13. 1868, and to enclose your Sent Orders No 101. from Headquarters 3^d Military District and General Orders No 56. Sub Dist Alabama. It will be seen that redress must be had, in future, from the civil Courts in all such cases.

Very Respectfully

Yours, Chas. Demark

W. D. D. D. D.

Capt to Infy. Bl. Mj. usa
a a a g

Alvord.

A. A. Surg. to S. A.

July 24 '68.

Truett's Hospital
Gardland, Ala. July 24. 1868.

D. S. Gardner
S. A. Asst. Commr.
Gunnville, Ala.

Sir

I in reply to
your communication of yesterday,
I have the honor to state that three
(3) cords of wood was expended
by the 20th instant.

In regard to the
Osnaburgs, it was all issued on the
Rolls that were sent to your office
on the 18th instant.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully,
Yours Ob. Servt.

J. W. Moore
act: asst. Surg. M. A.
in charge.

State of Alabama
Bu. P. H. K. A. L.
officer D. C. officer
Montgomery Aug 5th 18

Bucher, G. L. W.
Laird, W. J. officer

Forwards check
no 1628 to the
amount \$2600. in
payment Div. acct.

Montgomery, Alabama.
August 5, 1868.

Captain J. S. McGeary.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose herewith my check No.
1618, on Mobile, for \$262.50, in payment of the following
claims in your District, viz:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------|---------|
| A. S. Gardner | Postage. | \$5.75 | |
| W. Jordan | Accountable Mo. 1867 | 4.50 | |
| Peter Johnson | | 2.00 | |
| J. M. Dearly Co. | | 17.25 | |
| Southam Express Co. | | 5.00 | \$24.50 |

Mr. Gardner can explain where these claims were made.

Will you please advise me of receipt of check.

Respectfully,

Edwin Decker.

Montgomery old
Aug 6th 1868

Bucher. Belwin
It bot \$80 for old

forwards check
no 1666 to the
amount of \$24⁰⁰

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 16, 1868.

Capt. J. F. McGeary,
Sub Asst Comm.
Greenwich, Ga.

Sir,

I enclose check No. 1436, on
Mobile, for \$29.50 for the payment of the following
claims due at your station, viz:

Edwards and Caldwell.

\$25.00

E. S. Green

4.50

\$29.50

Will you please advise me of its receipt.

Respectfully,

Edwin Decker,

W. O. Fuller.

Office A. C. M.
Montgomery Aug 14th 68

Arthur C. M.
Chief C. M.

Requests that
requisitions
for forage
be furnished
without delay

William H. H.

at

Department of War

Washington

1868.

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., ^{the} August 13 1868.

Dames. F. W. & Coys
Sub. Asst. Commr
Greenville Ala
Sir

If you desire
us to furnish forage for the supply
of your public animals for month
August. please forward requisitions
at once. as we are daily expecting
to move Head Quarters to Huntsville

Very Respectfully
H. C. Arthur

Chief Q. M.

M.

Montgomery
Aug 7th 68

Southern
G. R. D. U. U. and

Requires a report
respecting a
claim of Miss
E. S. Thompson
for teaching a
colored school in
suburb of Tallahassee

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., August 14th 1868.

W. J. T. Lee,
Sub. Com. at Talladega.

Sir:

There has been made to this Office an
account of Mrs. E. E. Thompson for teaching the colored
school at Talladega. Mrs. Thompson also
states that she repeatedly called upon you
for assistance, and that you did not take any
notice of her applications.

You will therefore report at once why
her vouchers have not been paid before now,
also why her applications were not attended to.

In order of Col. W. T. P. Pugh
A. C. Anderson

Captain 33rd U. S. Infantry
A. C. A. G.

Montgomery Ala
Aug 15th 08

Arthur E. W. C.
Chief C. M.
Bureau B. H. A. A.

States that rent
cannot be paid
for stable room
for a private
house by the Bureau

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., th August 15th 1868.

James, F. McHoggy.
Sub. Asst. Com'r.
Greenville. Ala.

Sir.

Referring to your
letter of 14th inst. asking if the rent of a
stable for a private horse used by you in
the performance of official duties will be
paid by this Bureau; You are respectfully
informed that the Bureau provides for
no expense in this connection except
that contemplated in Cir. 23rd 1867.

Very Respectfully
J. L. Johnson
Chief of M.

Montgomery old
Aug 17th 68

Bucher Belwin
Paid \$50 for old

Encloses check no
1650 to the amount
of \$24. In payment
Divers accounts.

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 17, 1868.

Captain J. R. McGeary,
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose herewith check No. 1680,
on Mobile, for \$29. in payment of the following vouchers for
July in your Sub District, viz:

John Rhodes.

\$20.00

Meddler Jordan

6.

Frank Brinkman.

3.00

\$ 29.00.

Will you please advise me if its receipt.

Respectfully,

Edwin Becker.

D. V. for Ala.

Montgomery Ala
May 18th 68

Arthur E. W. Le
Chief Q. M.

Enclosed receipts
for my property

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., August 18th 1868.

Jamus. F. McGogy.
Sub. Asst. Comm'r.
Greenville. Ala.

Sir

Please find enclosed
invoices and receipts of stores this day
transferred to you. shipped to Surg.
J. M. Moor. Garland. Ala. Please
return signed receipts as soon as
practicable

Very Respectfully
W. C. Arthur
Chief Q.M.

W.

Montgomery via
July 18th 65

Bucher believes to be
Disb Officer for Ala

Transmits check
no 1657 in
payment of an
account in favor
of John Herel

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 18. 1868.

Captain J. S. Michogg,
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

In sending to you yesterday I
omitted to include the account due John H. H. I now
enclose check No. 1481, for \$13.25.

Please advise receipt.

Respectfully,
William B. Archer,
S. C. J. A. C.

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J. Evergreen Alab.
Aug 19th 1

Jones W. A.

States that he ~~has~~^{has}
inquest held on the
body of
Has had Isaac Bayer
arrested. Investigation
had. & postponed. Will
give further informa-
-tion,

Dear Sir,

Time for court has been extended
 Wed. The 1st day of Sept. has been set
 for the session. I have postponed
 the trial of James, the last witness
 on the 1st day over the case & Sunday
 next made no return to me. I have
 been very much distressed on Saturday
 morning after the death of a placed
 in jail. On Sunday at 2 o'clock I have
 been summoned for preliminary
 investigation, appointed him a \$50
 comm. l. who charged a caution and
 granted me a \$1000. I will give
 after the investigation. I will give
 you a written report

Very Resp
 Yours,
 A. W. Jones

Investigation still going on I
 trust you 22 Aug 1888. A. W. J.

Gorlonet ala ouy 14th 1868

Möör J^r W u u Song
In charge of Hospital
Gorlonet ala

Foruonets receipt rolls
of ~~the~~ clothing issued
at Gorlonet.

Frederick Hospital
Garland, Ala. Aug. 19. 1888.

A. F. McLogg -
Dist. Asst. Commr.
Gunnville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Clothing Roll,
(in duplicate) upon which has been issued all
the Clothing and Shoes in my charge.

I have left the heading blank, not
knowing just how you would have it filled
up.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Moore

act. Asst. Surg. Genl. in charge.

Garland aka Aug 18th 1848

Moor, J. W. a a Surg
in charge Audmuns
Hospital

Acknowledges receipt
of \$26⁰⁰ by Express

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Freedmen's Hospital
Garland, Ala. Aug. 19. 1888.

J. F. McGeary -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Grenville, Ala.

Sir -
I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of twenty six
(26.) dollars - per Southern Express - in
payment of the following claims:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| John Rhodes. (5 coves of wood.) | \$20.00 |
| Middleton Jordan. (2 Coffins.) | 6.00 |
| | <u>\$26.00</u> |

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.
J. W. Moore
Act. Asst. Surg. Genl. in Charge.

Annals of the
General Assembly 23rd

Moore J. W.
U. S. Army U. S. A.

Reports the arrival
of your stores
by the Ala. & Fla. RR

Frederick's Hospital
Gardens - Ala. Aug. 23. 88.

J. F. McLogg -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Grenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to inform you that on the 21st inst.
I received, in care of Mr. H. H. H., the following
articles viz:

Two Bkls. Linn.
12 Whitewash Brushes.
12 Shovels - long handled.
12 Pans of Clay
Three 2' Sacks of Pat.

The above were in good condition.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Truoblt. Servt.

J. H. Moore

act. asst. Surg. Regt. in charge.

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State of Alabama,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala
Aug. 24th 1868.

Arthur W. C.
Chief Clerk Mr.

States that he has
shipped per S. Ex. Co-
allowance of Stationary
for the month of
Aug '68.

State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., August 24th 1868.

Dames J. Dev' to my
Sub. Asst. Comm'r
Greenville Ala
Dear

I have this day
shipped to your address per Southern
Ex. Company your allowance of Stationery
for month August 1868.

Very Respectfully
Yours A. C. Arthur
H. C. Arthur
Chief Q. M.

W.

P. S. Since King-Gunn's blank books
only ones on hand.

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Montgomery Claiborne
Aug 24. 1868

Becker Edwin,

States that he has
ordered Clark from
Jacksonville to report
for duty, &c.

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 26, 1868.

Captain J. D. McGeary,
Greenville, Ala.

Captain,

I have ordered a Clerk,
who is now on duty at Jacksonville, to report for duty
here. As soon as he arrives he will be sent to you. He
will not be able to get here probably by the last of this
month; if he does not I will send a messenger to help
you make up your papers very next month. We
do not want to appoint any new Clerk; you can
arrange it, as we are anxious to curtail the expenses
as much as possible.

Respectfully,
William Beecher.

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Freedman's Hospital
Garland 31st Aug 1868.

Moore, J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

States that he has
purchased five Cords
of wood at \$4.⁰⁰ per C.
Asks for Blank Voucher.

That he sent for
Blank 12⁵ on 25 inst.

Frederick Hospital
Garland, Ala. Aug. 3. 188.

J. F. McCoy -
Sut. Asst. Commr
Granville Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to inform you that I have purchased
five (5) cords of wood for this Hospital
during the current month at four (4)
dollars per cord.

I will send vouchers
for the above as soon as you will
furnish me the blanks.

I sent to your
address a request for blank 2^d.
on the 25th instant, but as yet have
received no response.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Yours at Serv.

J. H. Moran
Asst. Asst. Surg. - Ala. in charge.

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Freedman's Hospital
Garland Aug 31st 1868

Moor J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

Forwards Vouchers for
rent of Dispensary for
the months of July
and Aug. 1868.

Frederick Hospital
Guthrie, Ala. Aug. 31. 1868.

J. F. McLogg.
S. W. West Corner
Guthrie, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Voucher (in
duplicate) for rent of Dispensary
for the month ending July 31st, 1868.
also, a Voucher in (duplicate) for rent
of Dispensary for the month ending
August 31st 1868.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore

Acting Surg. U.S.A. in Charge.

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Breedman's Hospital.
Harland Aug 31st 1868.

Moore J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

Forwards Vouchers
for two Coffins. for
Aug. 1868.

Fredman's Hospital
Garland, Ala. Aug 2, 25/88.

J. F. McLogg -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a voucher (in
duplicate) for two Coffins, used in
the burial of Christina Brown, and
Patty Price (both during the current month).

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore
ack. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

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Greedman's Hospital
Garland Sept. 1st 1868.

Moore J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg (U.S.A.)

Forwards Voucher for
five (5) Cords of Wood
purchased during the
month of Aug 1868.

Drumming's Hospital
Gairland, Ala. Sept. 1. 08.

W. F. McGogy.
Sub Asst. Comm.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Invoice in
duplicate for five cords of wood
purchased during the month of August
1808.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Yours,
W. F. McGogy
Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Sub. Dist. of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Greenville Ala. Sept. 15th 1868.

M. Goggy J. G.
Sub. Asst. Commr.

States that he has
failed to induce Mr.
McKibbin to conduct
himself in a proper
manner, and urges
the appoint of Mr. Gower
as clerk.



Sub. Dist. of Alabama T.B. 72. 3. 46
Montgomery Sept 24th 68

Respectfully returned to
J. E. Mc Goggy, Sub. Asst. Commis-
sioner, Greenville, Ala.

Application has been made
for clerks, and as a result
of appointments you will
have one sent, after which
there will be no vacancies

By order of
Thos. Smith, Jr. E. T. Boscher
Dep. Commissioner
The Anderson
Captain 33rd Infantry
U. S. A. Genl

Sub. Dist. of Greenville.
Bureau R. F. and A. S.
Greenville Ala. Sept. 13th 1868.

Col. Edwin Beecher,
Asst. Commissioner &c.
Montgomery Ala.
Colonel.

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. respecting Mr. McMillin. I would respectfully state, that being advised of the inconvenience of changing Clerks, I did every thing in my power to persuade him to conduct himself in a proper manner, and after he had been absent drunk two days, I wrote him a note and urged him to return to duty in the Office; he promised to do so, but failed to comply. During the past two days his means have become exhausted and he is entirely sober; but his conduct is no less disgraceful than when he was drunk. He is boldly striving to get his gambling institution into operation. Until forbearance ceased to be a virtue.

On the 12th inst I forwarded the application of Mr. Grover, and recommended his appoint as Clerk. Mr. Grover has been

teaching Colored Schools, for the past two years. He is 54 years old and has a large family depending upon him for support, and the situation will be a great assistance to him in his present circumstances. Mr. Grover served eight years in the 2nd Regt. of Artillery - U.S. Army, and the last three as a Sergeant. Is an educated man, of sober habits, and a very little experience will make him a good Clerk. His daughters are experienced teachers, and will conduct his School.

I am Colonel,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.,

J. H. M. Logg

Sub Adj. Comm.

P. S.

Enclosed please find a recommendation from Mr. A. V. Brumby, Sup. of the Military Institute at Tuskegee Ala, and formerly 1st Lt. in the 3^d U.S. Infantry.

J. H. M. Logg

Montgomery Ala.
Sept. 14th 1868.

Beecher Edwin
D. O. for Ala.

Sends Check No.
1666, for ~~454~~⁵⁰ in
payment of divers
vouchers.

Montgomery, Alabama.
September 14, 1868.

Captain J. I. McGeary.
Sub. Asst. Commr.
Greenwich, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose herewith check No.
1666, on Mobile, for \$54, in payment of the following August
Vouchers.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Your Postage Acct. | \$5.00 | |
| " Traveling Expenses. | 3. | |
| E. Caldwell | 20. | |
| A. M. Rhodes | 20. | |
| Middleton Jordan. | <u>1.00</u> | = \$54.00 |

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,
Edwin Beecher,
U. S. Army, Ala.

time you must do a little extra work and keep up your
business as well as possible until we can procure
an acceptable man, which may be some little time.

Respectfully,

Edwin Beecher.

Ass't Commr. &c.

Ex 12 32

Montgomery Ala
Sept. 14th 1868.

Wm Beecher Edwin
Asst Commr

ACKNOWLEDGED receipt
of telegram in rela-
tion to Mr. McNeill,
and want no more
from them Charles H.

Montgomery, Cal.

Sept. 14. 1868.

Capt. J. D. McGoff,
Greenview, Cal.

Sir,

Returning yesterday after an absence of eight days I found your telegram in relation to Mr. M. Ribben. Under the present ruling at Washington it is a little troublesome to procure good Clerks without sending north for them, as none can be appointed unless they have served in the Army or Navy; and for the short time the Bureau has to continue we don't like to go to this expense when it can be avoided.

We don't want a drunken Clerk around us. Mr. M. Ribben has been very well recommended to us, and we are assured he thoroughly understands his business. Possibly a very plain talk to him will have a good effect and induce him to do better. If however on further reflection of the subject you are satisfied you cannot make him conduct himself properly write me and we will do the best we can. But in the mean

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Montgomery Ala
Sept. 14. 1868

Becker Edwin
D.O.

Gives information that
rent is cut down
from \$18.00 to \$15.00
per month.

Sends receipts to
Sign for the same.

Montgomery, California.

September 14, 1868.

Capt. J. I. McGeary.
Greenwich, Cal.

Sir,

On further investigation we have concluded the commutation for term of Greenock is \$15. instead of \$18. I have had new accounts made up and herewith enclose. Please have them signed and return when I will forward the money, depositing \$200. as requested in your letter of the 4th inst.

Respectfully,

Edwin Beecher,

L. D. M.

1408 R. S. 11378
Quar. Dist. Louisville
Bns R. G. and A. S.
Louisville Ala Sept 11th 1868

McGowan J. A.
Sub Asst. Commr -

Enquires if Sec. 1st Cir-
cular 6th will authorize
him to employ a
private Physician as
provided for in Paragr-
aphs 13097 13100 R. S.
Army Regulations 1863

Montgomery Ala
16 Sept. 1868

Respectfully referred to
Lt Col E. Beecher
Asst. Commr.
to R. G. and A. S.
N. J. Philbrick
Gen. H. B. USA
acting Surg. in chief -

Quar. Dist. Louisville
Sept 11th 1868

That attention be directed to the
fact that the Quar. Dist. Louisville
is authorized to employ a private
Physician as provided for in
Paragraphs 13097 13100 R. S.

Edwin Beecher.

Quar. Dist. Louisville

Asst. Commr.

Sept 11th 1868
Quar. Dist. Louisville
Sept 11th 1868
Asst. Commr.

R. S. 11378

Sept 11th 1868

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Sept 11th 1888
Sept 11th 1888

Dear Sir,
I am writing to you
Montgomery Ala -
Rocky:

I would
respectfully state that during the month of
August it became necessary for me to
employ a private physician who visited me
at my residence in my room for some time and
provided me some medicine. By reference
to Circular Six (6) dated March 2nd 1888
Bu. R. F. & R. Washington D.C. July
17th 1888 Sec. four (4) entitles me to the same
pay, compensation and all allowances
as if the date of my appointment was
provided by law for the respective grades
and dates of my muster out
and discharge and I would respectfully
ask if I am authorized to make claim
for medical attendance as provided for in
Paragraphs 1309th 1310 U. S. Army Regulation
of 1863 and if so will you please furnish

Sub Dist of Newville
By R. H. A. Jr.
Newville Ala. Oct 11 1868

Respectfully referred
acted from a recent
recent interview
with Dr H. H. Grey
Grey in chief. I am
led to believe that
some misstatements
anding exists in
the within com-
munication

Very respectfully
Yours &c
J. H. W. Grey
Sub Dist of Newville

Respectfully submitted -

There is no mistake
and in all that
A. J. W. Grey
Oct 11 1868

The work in relation to the matter of the
to render said matter

I am
Very

J. H. W. Grey
Sub Dist of Newville

1000
Frederick Hospital
Garland. Ala. Sept. 10. 1888.

Moore W.
Asst. Surgeon W. Co. in charge.

Requests an order to
Admit into Hospital,
York Thomas (Col.)
Diseased: Burn.

Trueman's Hospital
Garland, Ala. Sept. 10. 1888.

J. F. McCoy -
Sub Asst Commr
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to request an order to admit into
this Hospital: York Thomas, Col.
Sicence: Lumn.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Smith

J. H. Moore
Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Sept 1 1888
Framming Hospital
Durham, Ala. Sept. 1. 1888.

Moore, J. W.
Asst. Asst. Surgeon U.S.A. in charge.

Requests an Order to
admit into Hospital:
Jacob Betts, Col.
sickness: Mems.

ARMY 143
Freedmen's Hospital,
Garland, Ala. Sept. 9. 1868.

J. F. McGary -
Sub Asst Comm.
Gunnville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to request an order to admit into
this Hospital; Jacob Betts, (colored.)
suffering Ulcers.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,
your obedient servant.

J. St. Moore

Act. Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Exp^{ts}

Freedman's Hospital
Garland Ala,

Sept. 8th 1868,

Moore J. W.

A. A. Surg. in Charge

Wright repairs of Amb.
ulance, Harness, Holsters
and tin Ware,

Frederick Hospital
Garland, Ala. Sept. 8. 1868.

J. F. McCoy -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Gunnville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to request that the Ambulance, one harness,
and two litters be repaired. also several articles
of tinware. all of which will be presented
by the Ambulance driver to-morrow.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore
Act. Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

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Freedman's Hospital
Charl and Ala
Sept 8. 1868

Moore J. St.
A. A. Surg. M. D. A. in Charge

Request order to admit
into Hospital, Seabron Young.
Edward Goldwell Joanna
Goldwell & Joana Goldwell.

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Fleming Hospital
Gardland, Ala. Sept. 3. 1864.

J. F. McGuffey
Sub. Asst. Comm.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to request an order to admit
into this Hospital the four or
colored patients that you sent
here in the Ambulance, ^{last} Thursday.

Yrs.

Lebron Young. Edward
Caldwell. Hannah Caldwell &
Anna Caldwell.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
your Obedt. Servt.

J. O. Moore
Asst. Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

P.S.

If you would accompany each patient
with an order to admit you would
oblige me.

J. O. Moore
A. A. S., U. S. A.

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Freedman's Hospital
Bartland Sept 7th 1868.

Moorer J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg. U.S.A.

Acknowledges receipt
per A. & F. Railroad of
2 Bales of Hay
and 7 Sacks Oats.

ARMY 153
Fremont's Hospital
Barham, Ala Sept. 7. 1888.

J. L. McGoff -
Sub Asst. Commr
Grenville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to inform you that I have this day
received from the Alabama and
Florida R. R. the following articles:

For:

Two (2) Bales of Hay -
Seven (7) Sacks -- Oats.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith.

J. H. Moore

Act. Asst. Surg. Regt. in charge.

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State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office Chief P. M.
Montgomery Ala
Sept. 5th 1868.

Arthur W. C.
Chief P. M.

Sends blank receipts
pertaining to stores.
re. Shipped to J. M. Moore
in Charge of Hospital
at Garland. Ala.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Montgomery, Ala., ~~September 5th~~ 1868.

James. F. McGary
Sub. Asst. Comm'r
Greenville Ala

Sir

Enclosed please

find inclosed a blank receipt of
"Stones Pertaining to Bureau" transmitted
to you and this day shipped to Surg.
J. H. Moran in charge Freedmen's
Hospital Greenville Ala.

Very Respectfully

W. C. Arthur

Chief Qr. Mstr.

W.

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Greenman's Hospital
Garland Sept. 5th 1868.

Moore, J. W.
Act. Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

Forwards requisition
for 5 cords of wood
for the month of Aug.

ARMY 159
Treasury Hospital
Garrison, Ala. Sept. 5. 1885.

J. F. McGary -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Garrison, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Requisition
(in duplicate) for five (5) cords of
wood for August 1885.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Wm. H. Smith.

J. H. Moore
Acting Surg. Major in Charge.

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Ironing Hospital

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Sub. Dist. of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Greenville Ala. Sept 13/58

McGoy J. S.

Sub. Capt. Com.

Request: Statement of
provisions issued to inmates
of Hospital at Garland
during the month of Aug.

Recd. O. S. C. L. H. G. Ha. Sept. 5. 1858.

Sub Dist of Greenville
~~Bu Re H H A H~~
Greenville Ala Sept 3^d 1868

Dr J. M. Moore
At Large U S A
Gordons Ala
Doctor

Will you please
forward at once a
Statement of provisions
issued to inmates of the
hospital during the month
of August 1868.

I am Dr
Very respectfully
your obt servant
J. H. McGary
Sub ass Commr

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State of Alabama,
Bureau W. F. & A. L.
off. Chief P. M.
Montgomery Ala.
Sept. 16. 1868.

Arthur W. C.
Chief P. M.

States that he
has this day shipped
per S. Ex Co. Stationery
for the month of Sept.
No. Blank Books
on hand.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Montgomery, Ala., Sept 1st 1868.

James F. McGogy.
Sub Asst. Comm'r
Greenville Ala
Sir

I have this day
shipped to your address Per Southard
Ex. Co. the amount of Stationery for
use of your office during month of
September 1868. No blank books on hand

Very Respectfully
W. C. Arthur
Chief Q. M.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Montgomery, Ala., Sept 1st 1868.

Darius F. McGogy.
Sub. Asst. Comm'r
Greenville Ala
Sir

I have this day
shipped to your address Per Southward
Ex. Co. the amount of Stationery for
use of your office during month of
September 1868. No blank books on hand

Very Respectfully
H. C. Arthur
Chief Q. M.

8. 1. 11.
Freedman's Hospital
Garnal Ala Sept 16th 1868

Moore J. W.
A. A. Surg. U. S. A.
in Charge.

Acknowledges receipt
of \$45⁰⁰ to pay
divers accounts.

Trueman's Hospital
Barbours Ala. Sept. 16. 1888.

J. F. McGoffy
Sut. Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the following:-
N. J. Curraney \$34.00
City of Mobile " 2.00
Jno. A. Harris Receipt " 10.00 \$46.00 to pay to
the following parties:-
E. Caldwell \$20.00
A. M. Rhodes 20.00
Middletown Jordan - 6.00 \$46.00

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully.

Wm. O. Lusk.

J. St. Moore
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge

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State of Alabama, T.B. R. & Co.
Montgomery, Sept. 21st 68.

Most respectfully transmitted to
P. C. Hugg, Esq. Asst. Commissioner
at Huntsville, Ala. for compli-
ance to the within.

This paper to be returned.

By order of

Wm. H. Hugg, Col. S. T. Beecher.

Asst. Commissioner

Orlando

Captain 33rd Infantry

A. A. C. General.



War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., September 16th, 1868.

J. C. Sugg, Esq.
A. C. Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Huntsville, Ala.

Sir: I am directed to inform you that
in the claim of Edmund Jones, father of
Wade Jones, late Pvt. Co. E. 119th U.S. C.
Troops, evidence in compliance with enclosed
printed instructions (N. 4) is required.

Please retain this letter with the required
evidence.

Very Respectfully
your obedient servant
William T. Drew,
Agent on R. F. & A. Land
In charge of Claim Division

(D. 1795)
(Thro' O. F. & A. Land)

No. 4.

Instructions relative to the Preparation of Fathers'
Claims for Arrears of Pay and Bounty.

Evidence is required showing what was the *status* of the applicant and mother of deceased soldier; *i. e.*, if slaves, whether they belonged to the same master, and lived together on the same plantation, and in the same domicile as man and wife, and were so regarded, and are so living and regarded at the time the application is made; and whether the father had the care, custody, and support of their children, deceased soldier included.

This evidence should be in the form of a joint affidavit by two or more persons who must state how their knowledge of the facts to which they testify is derived, specifying the length of time (number of years) they have been acquainted with the parties mentioned in connection with the claim, which period must be sufficiently long to establish the facts to be proven. They must also depose to their non-interest in the claim of the party in whose favor they testify. In case affiants, or either of them, sign by *mark*, two attesting witnesses who *write* their names are required; and the officer before whom the paper is executed must certify that the contents were made known to the affiants before they subscribed and made oath to the same; and that he has no interest in the claim to which the affidavit is supplementary.

If additional bounty (Act of July 28, 1866,) be due, an application by the mother of the soldier referring to that of the father will be required, as bounty under that Act is payable to the parents *jointly*.

If the mother be dead, proof of that fact by two disinterested witnesses will be required.

Freedmen's Hospital
Gastonia, Ala. Sept. 18. 1878.

Moore J. W.
Acting Surgeon W. A. in charge.

Requests an order to admit
into hospital - Common Foster
Disease - Old Age

Frederick's Hospital
Garland, Ala. Sept. 18. 1898.

J. T. McGoey -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Grenville, Ala.

Sir

I have the honor
to request and order to admit into
this Hospital, Commr. Foster (old)
Sicard. Old Age.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore
Act. Asst. Surg. - U.S.A. in charge.

Greene's Hospital
Barland, Ala. Sept. 18, 1864

Major J. H.
A. A. Stry. U.S.A. in charge

States that, ambulance
has been forwarded to
Greenville for repairs, in
compliance with com-
munication of 10th inst.

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Treasury Hospital
Guthrie, Ala. Sept. 21. 1864.

J. L. McGee -
Sub Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

Sir:

In compliance
with your communication of the 1st
instant, I have the honor to send to
Greenville, for repairs - the Ambulance,
Wheeler, Holley &c.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Sept 21 - 1868
New York

Sept 21 - 1868
Sept 25 - 68

What will be the result of
the 1st of Sept. 1868
the 1st of Sept. 1868
the 1st of Sept. 1868

Sept 21 - 1868
Sept 25 - 68
Sept 21 - 1868

Sept 21 - 1868
Sept 25 - 68
Sept 21 - 1868



War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Sept 21, 1868.

D. C. Rugg, Esq.

U. S. C. B. R. L. S. L.

Hamlet, N. C.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the claim for commutation for rations while prisoner of war of John Morgan, C. H. #4-2570, suspended for evidence establishing the date and place of Morgan's escape and whether within the Union lines.

If you deem further action can be taken on this claim, it will be necessary to forward the affidavits of two or more reliable officers or other reliable persons having personal knowledge of the facts as claimed, showing that Morgan did actually escape.

and report within the Union lines as alleged,
giving dates and other particulars in full.
With the evidence please return this
letter.

C.B.
1823.

(To O. A. C. Ala.)

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servant
William A. Deane
Agent & R. H. H.
Chief of Claim Division.

Fredman's Hospital
Portland, Me Sept 24/68

Moran, J. H.

A. A. Surg. U.S.A. in charge

Encloses copy of letter
of the 18th inst. and
requests the order mentioned
therein ~~on~~ the disapproval
of the communication

Truettman's Hospital,
Garland, Ala. Sept. 24. 1888.

J. L. McGee.
Sub Asst. Commr.
Grenville, Ala.

Sir,

I enclose herewith
the copy of a Request that I mailed
to your address on the 18th instant to
which I have received no response.
I would respectfully request that the Order
indicated in the Request adverted to above
be furnished, or, else the paper returned
disapproved.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

your obt. Servt.

J. W. Moore
act. asst. Surg. M.A. in charge.

Montgomery Ala.
Sept. 24 1868.

Bucher, Edwin
Asst. Commr

Enclosures intended,
absence and requests
that Sept vouchers,
be forwarded as soon
as practicable after 30th
proximo

Respectfully
referred to Dr
Moore as a surety
for his information
suba will plus
return this paper
to J. F. McGeary
Sub out Comr

Frederick's Hospital
Garland, Ala. Sept. 25. 68.

Respectfully returned
to Sub. Asst. Comr J. F. McGeary
Greenville: Ala. as directed.

J. W. Moore
Act. Asst. Surg. U.S. in Charge

Frederick's Hospital, Garland, Ala. Sept. 25. 68.

Montgomery, Alabama
September 24th 1868

Sir :

I am intending to be absent
from here for two weeks in October,
commencing about the 5th of the month;
and as it is desirable that September
vouchers should be paid before I leave,
you will please have all vouchers
for payment in your Out District
forwarded as soon after the 30th.
inst. as practicable.

Respectfully

Edwin Beecher.

D. O. for Ala.

To L

Out. aft. Comfr. D. O.

Granville, Alabama

Frederick Hospital
Garland, Mo. Apr. 25, 1881.

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Morton J. V.
act. asst. Surgeon U.S.A. in charge.

Requests, an order to
admit into Hospital the
following named persons:

Linah E. Graham.
Eliza Courage.
Charles Courage.

March 1862
Freedmen's Hospital
Dartmouth. Ala. Sept. 26. 1862.

J. T. McGuffey.
Sub Asst. Commr.
Dunwoody Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor
to request an order to admit into
this Hospital, the following named
Freedmen =

Simon E. Graham - Sickness - Remitted - Free
Eliza Conway - Debility -
Charles Conway - Quoted Sub. Free

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,

Yours obdt. Servt.

J. W. Moore

act. asst. Surg. Gen. in charge.

11'valgozing, Ala
Sept 26, 1868.

Becker Edwin
Asst. Commr.

States that having no
clerk but Mr Patrick it
is impracticable to send
him to Merriam Ala.

Montgomery, Alabama,
Sept. 26. 1868.

Capitalist.

I don't think it will be practicable to send
Mr. Patrick to Greenville as requested. Mr. Wagon
leaves to day for Athens, and I have no clerk but
Mr. Patrick; and as I am compelled to make up
my paper the first part of the coming week don't
think I can well spare him. Probably the clerk
intended for Greenville will be here early next
week.

Respectfully,
Edwin Bercher.

Frederick's Hospital
Garland Ala. Sept. 27. 1868.

Moore J. W.
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Requests an order to admit
into hospital. Henry Graham
Mary Graham.

INMURRAY'S HOSPITAL
GADSDEN, ALA. SEPT. 27, 1865.

J. L. McGeary -
Sub. Asst. Commr.
Gunnville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to request an order to admit into
this hospital, the following freedmen -
viz -

Claricy Graham - Disease: Infⁿ of uterus.

Mary Graham - Lactat. Inf. of uterus.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. W. Brown

Asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

received. Hospital
District. May 1861.

Dear Sir,
I am sorry to hear of

request, an order to admit
into hospital - Martin Wilson.
Sam Wilson & Floyd Wilson.
cold.

Truening Hospital
Garland Ave. Sept. 27, 1888

J. F. McGuffey -
Sub. Inst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

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I have the honor
to request an order to admit into
this Hospital, the following gentlemen.

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Martha Watson. Sister - Kinnear's Friend

Sam. Eaton.

Floyd Watson. - Secretary.

an Sie,

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Searle

J. K. Brown

act. asst. Surg. - Wm. - charged

Friedman's Hospital.
Garland, Ala. Sept. 30, 1902

Moar. J. W.
A. A. Long U.S.A.

Transmit Requisition
for 6 cords of wood for
use in hospital during
month of Sept.

Also voucher for
wood used during current
month

Drumming Hospital
Garland Ala. Sept. 30th 1868.

J. F. McGow.
Sut. Asst. Commr.
Greenville, Ala.

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Requisition
(in duplicate) for Six (6.) cords of wood
for this Hospital, for September. also a
Voucher (in duplicate) for the wood used
during the current month.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.
J. H. Moore
act. asst. Surg. &c. in charge.

Frederic Hospital
Portland, Me. Sept. 30, 1868

Moore, J. H.
Albany, N. Y.

To transmit vouchers.
for rent of dispensary
for month of September
1868

Truckman's Hospital
Guntersville, Ala. Sept. 30th 1888.

Sub. Asst. Commr
Guntersville, Ala.

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit herewith a Voucher
(in duplicate) for rent of dispensary for
September 1888.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

J. H. Moore
act. asst. Surg. U.S.A. in charge.

Am Moore

Frederic R. Fox J.L.
Officer G. C. Agh. St. Louis,
Memphis Oct. 19, 68.

Respect returned —

This claim agent has
long been suspended and
knows nothing of the
condition of his claims.

This case has not
been reported to this office
as allowed — The
Auditor can give you
the present condition of
the same.

J. B. Bloom

G. C. Agh

Office Sub-Asst Com^r Du. R. A. S.
Nashville Ala Oct 16th 1888

Bureau Agent
Nashville Tenn

Sir
The claimant named in the
enclosed receipt, desires to know the condition of his
claim.

Please return the receipt with any information
you may possess or can obtain on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant

L. O. Russell
Sub-Asst Commissioner



Handwritten text on the envelope, including a return address and a recipient address, written in cursive script.

Return Address:
Mr. J. H. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Recipient Address:
Mr. J. H. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Co K. 15th. I.

Nov 11 - 1868

Nov 11 - 1868

State of Alabama
Bur. T. & E. A. S.
Montgomery, Nov 16 '68

Respectfully transmitted to
D. C. Hugg Sub. Asst. Commis-
sioner, Huntsville, Ala for
compliance to the within

William Smith
Brvt. Lieut Col. U.S.A.
Asst. Commr.



War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., November 11th, 1868.

Mr. Rugg, Esq.

11th Street, S.W., D.C.

Friend Sir

I am directed to inform you that the claim
for arrears of pay, &c. - of Ester Heron, widow of
John Heron, late Pvt. Co. "C" 106th U.S.C. Troops,
is suspended for proof of marriage of the parties.

With the evidence required, please return this
letter.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant

William P. Drew,
Agent & Director of R.F. & A.
Chief of Claim Division

(S.D. 2156)

(Thos' O. A. C. Ho.)

We need at the present Thirty School houses, lands for
which will be given. All the tracts are within range
of, from 45 to 100 Schepers

Please give this your earliest attention and oblige

Yours truly

John W. Weston

Sup Ed Lawrence Co

P.S.

Let me know what board is your organization
y. W. W.

Mr. Weston

Moulton Ala.

Dec 20th 1868

Col D. C. Huff - Sir -

Since leaving Huntsville I have visited every town they have been my attention - have sounded both Trustees and Citizens and find them exceedingly anxious to have Schools established for their land is being donated for that purpose in every town in the valley, I am authorized to report to you here tracts of land, from 1/2 to two acres of ~~land~~ for building purposes. In fact the planters seem to vie with each other in granting ~~these~~ lands for this purpose. All these tracts of land lie near rushing water and are well wooded. The woods are made and being made. Other tracts will be donated. With the exception of Courtland all are given free. There is no need here to purchase a spot. One can be obtained for ~~very~~ dollars. One hundred scholars are within range of Courtland School. No houses that are fit to teach can be rented - all are too small. For four hundred dollars each I can have a frame house 30 x 30, 10 feet high, six windows, thirty benches and desks and stove, kitchen and best board room, I would therefore beg of you to lend us such aid as lies within your power in building these houses, thus forwarding the cause of education in our County. Without such aid, the freedmen will receive but a small share of the benefit of the Free Public School Law.

Below I give you the enumeration of my County

| | | | |
|-------------|------|---------------|------|
| White Males | 1886 | Colored Males | 1065 |
| " Females | 1880 | " Females | 925 |
| | 3766 | | 2040 |
| | | Total | 5806 |

Newton Mass

December 20th 1868

John A. Preston,

Super^r Edu^r Lawrence Co

Reporting about education in the District,
the number of schools established, and the
work that has yet to be done.

Lucy Helen Lawrence Co. ^{aka}
January 11 1868

Walter H. R.
f -

He is assisting in build-
ing a school house for
the colored people in
his town. I am
of Lawrence only
also to pay him for
which to see the
same.

Nov 14 1860

Lighton Lawrence Co Va
Jan 11th 1869
Col D. C. Rugg
Huntville

Dear Sir

As Trustee
of Township 3 Range 11 of this
County, I wish to secure you aid
in erecting a School house for
the colored children of the Town-
ship also to purchase a lot to
erect the same on (one & mile
you assist me, if so please
write to me and on reply, to
you. I will by that time find
what amount it will take. The
Board men has already raised
and deposited in my hands the
sum of \$20,00 for the purpose
of helping to erect a Church and
a School house but this is not
sufficient and as they made
very sorry crops it is all they
can do and we of women feel
under many obligations if you
would assist us in this purpose
I can refer you to Mrs. J. H. P. Bristol
Supt of Education for Lawrence Co
to Col. A. Bernethy & Judge D. P. Lewis
Hoping to hear from you at your
earliest convenience

I am Sir yrs very Truly

A. H. Stanley J. P.
per Lawrence

Rushy returned to Miss
M. Maria Huntington.

I am aware that the mate-
rial was furnished and
the service rendered on the
School house for Freedmen
and Center as set forth in
the accompanying papers,
but cannot sign them - my
appointment as ~~by~~⁵ ~~being~~
been revoked.

I would suggest that they
be forwarded to Col. Buckner
at Montgomery.

D. C. Ruff.

Montgomery
July 13, 1869.

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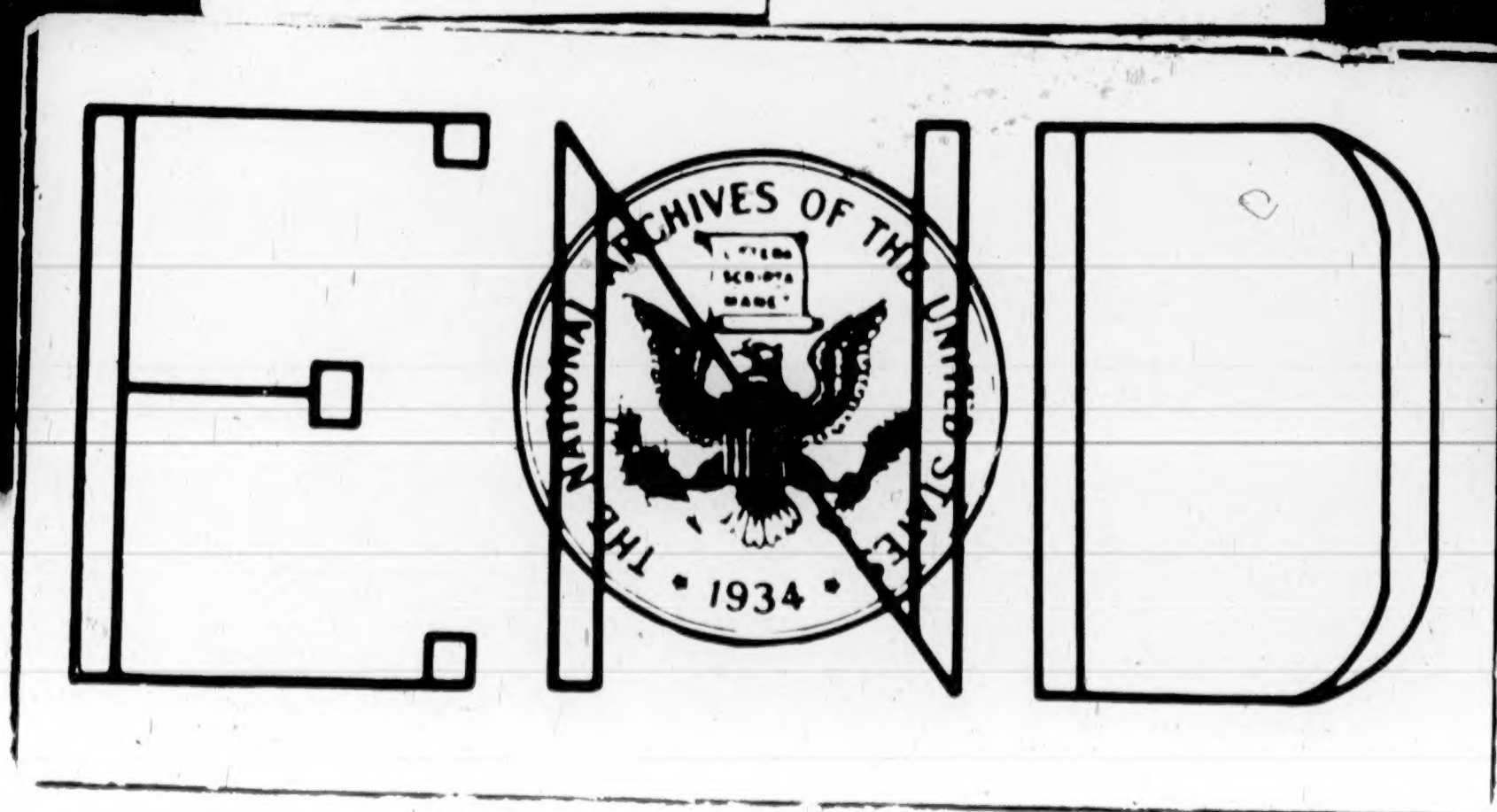
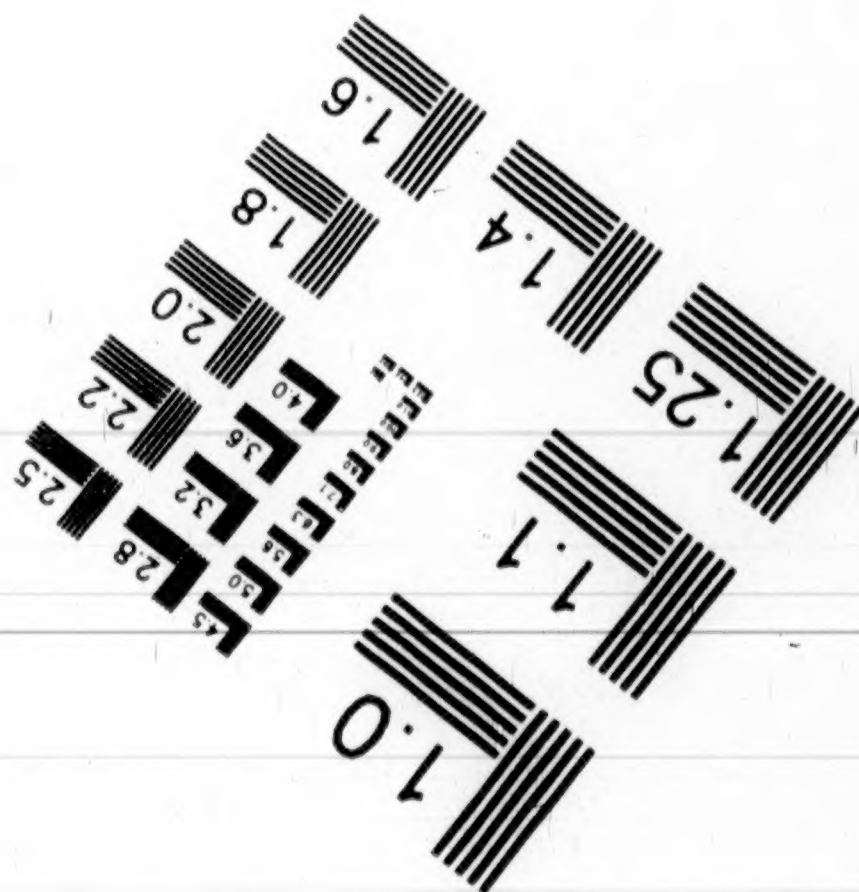
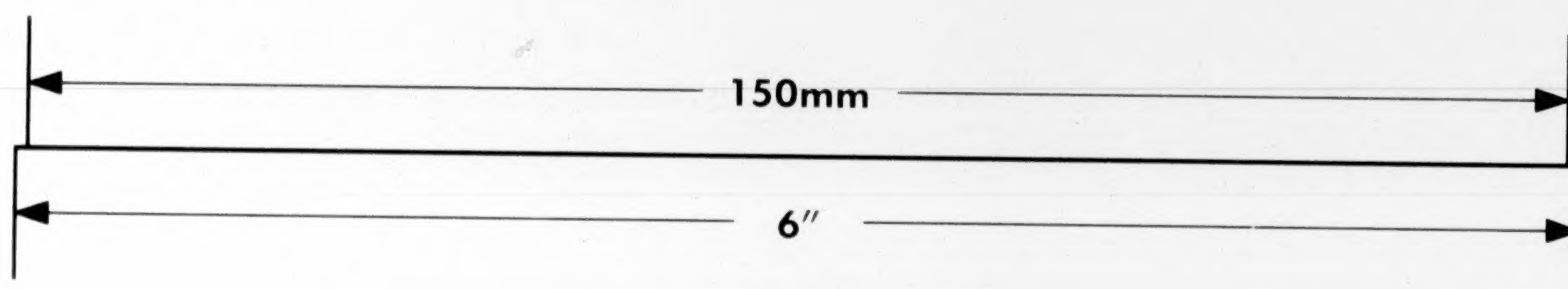
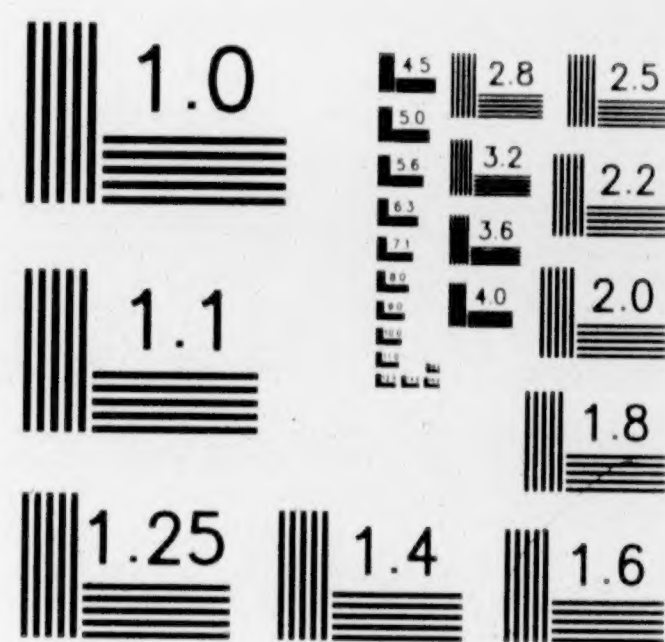
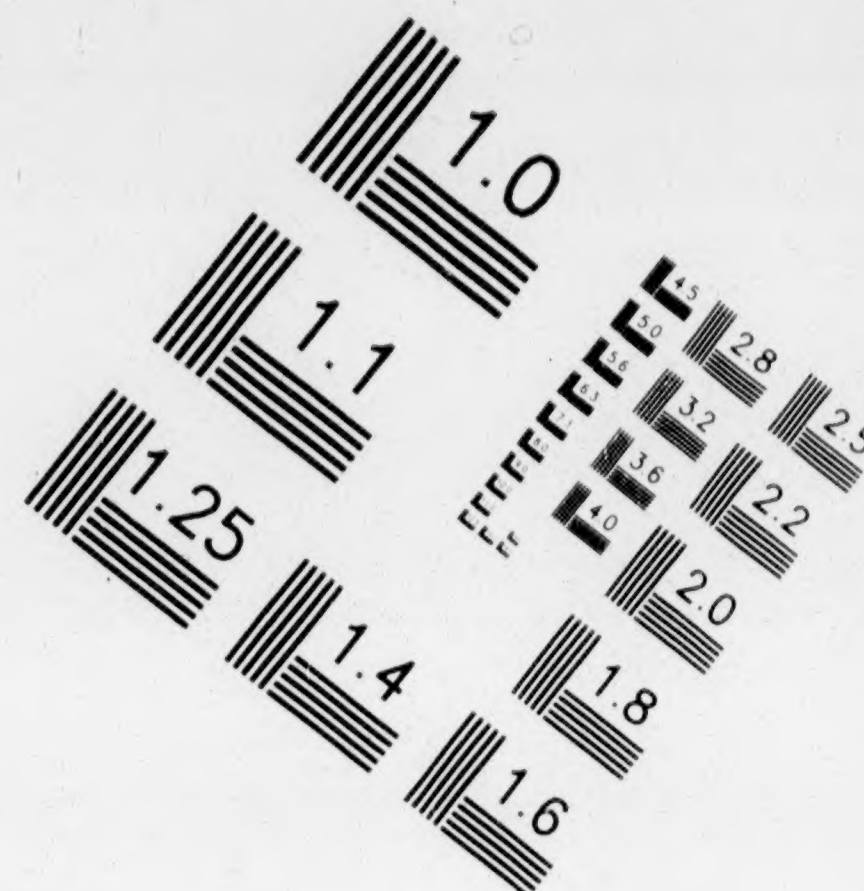
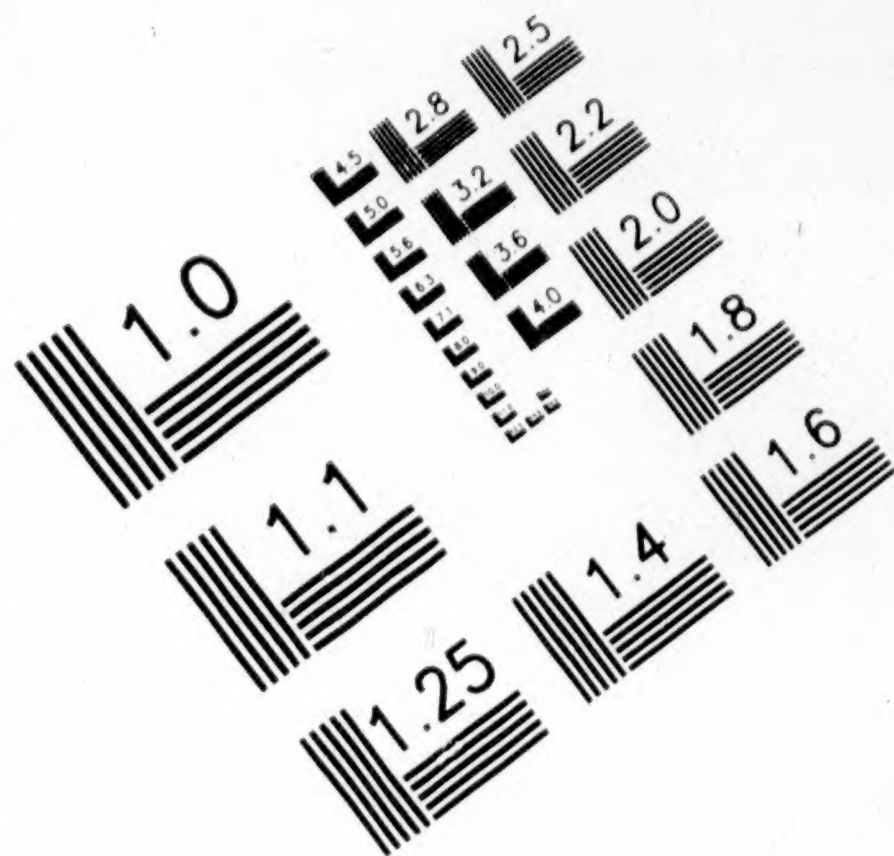
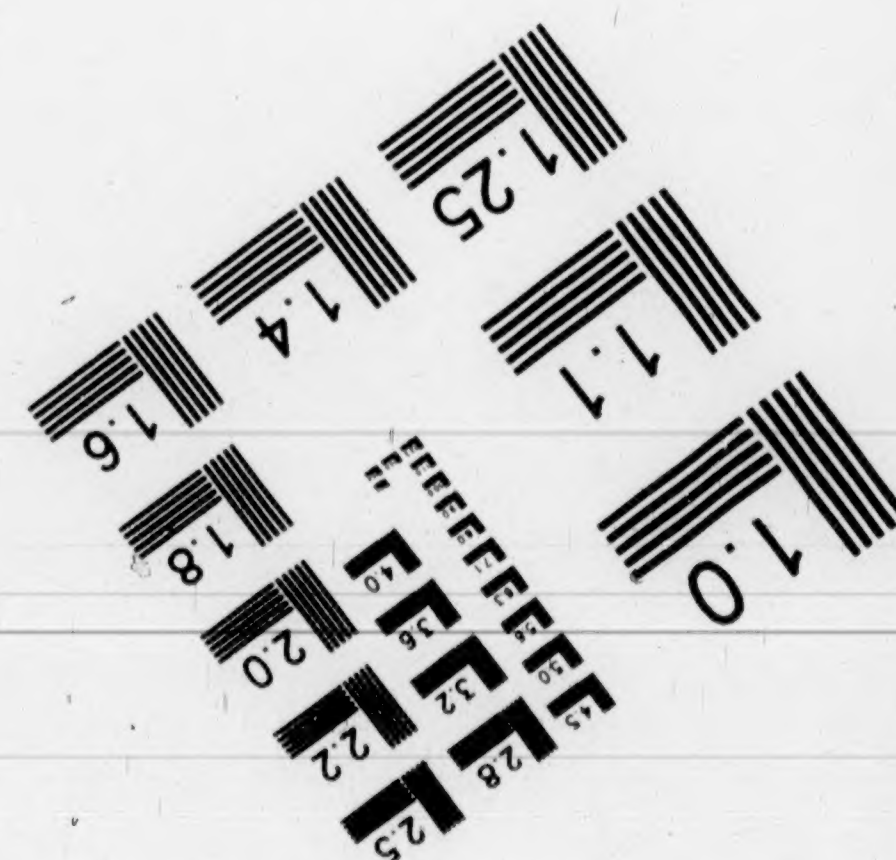


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